

Susalla, Rita M.

Mrs. Rita M. Susalla, 81, of Bad Axe and formerly of Ubly, passed away on Friday, March 31, 2006, at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe. She was born on November 12, 1924 in Ubly to the late John and Elizabeth (Rumptz) Kaliszewski. She married Arthur Susalla on November 6, 1943 at St. John Catholic Church in Ubly. Rita was a graduate of a country school and worked on the family farm. After she married Arthur, she lived in Ubly and has been a member of St. John Catholic Church in Ubly for 60 years. Rita and her husband moved to Bad Axe in 1980 and have resided there since. She attended Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe for a few years. She cleaned residences for many years before retiring in 2002. She enjoyed polka dancing, casinos and traveling with her husband. Rita is survived by her husband of 62 years, Arthur, of Bad Axe; two sons, Kenneth Susalla and his wife, Marlys, of Zephyrhills, Florida, Gary Susalla and his significant other, Dorothy Hund, of Cass City; two grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; 14 step-great-grandchildren; one brother, Elmer Kaliszewski and his wife, Helen, of Redford. She was preceded in death by one brother, Irvin Kaliszewski and one sister, Irene Langenburg. A funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2006, at St. John Catholic Church in Ubly. The Rev. Joseph Griffin, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery in the spring. Visitation will be from 2:30 to 9 p.m. on Monday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the church only. There will be a parish vigil service at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.