

Maurer, Lillian

Mrs. Lillian Marie Maurer, 85, of Bad Axe, passed away Monday morning, December 15, 2003, at her residence. "Another Baby" - these joyous words were heard often at the Maurer home. With a family of ten children, Lillian was kept very busy being a homemaker all her life. As we celebrate Jesus's birth at this joyous time of year, Lillian wanted to join her husband, Bernard and daughter, Elizabeth, and be there for the heavenly celebration. She died with her children around her and under the care of hospice. Lillian was born November 16, 1918 to the late George and Katherine (Osentowski) Guigear in Austin Township. She married Bernard Maurer on November 23, 1940 at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Detroit. They celebrated 59 years of marriage. He preceded her in death on January 13, 2000. In her spare time, she loved sewing, crocheting, growing flowers and mostly enjoying her grandchildren. Lillian is survived by nine children, Beverly Czewski and her husband, Joseph, of Ubly, Nancy Mazure and her husband, Virgil, of Bad Axe, Patricia Dekoski and her husband, Kenneth, of Ruth, Elaine MacLeod and her husband, James, of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, Philip Maurer and his wife, Margie, of Bad Axe, Clement Maurer and his wife, Cindy, of Bad Axe, Theresa Micklash and her husband, Kenneth, of Cass City, Clarence Maurer and his wife, Leona, of Bad Axe, and Leonard Maurer and his wife, Karen, of West Palm Beach, Florida; 28 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren; two brothers-in-law, Norman Maurer and his wife, Mary Lou, of Ubly, and Alvin Pankurst, of Oklahoma; two sisters-in-law, Betty Platko, of Saginaw and Pauline Goretzki and her husband, Bob, of Bad Axe. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard; a daughter, Elizabeth; two grandchildren, James Czewski and Jason Maurer; two brothers, William and Frank Guigear; and two sisters, Lucy Guigear and Erma Woods. Mass of Christian burial will take place at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 19, 2003, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe. The Rev. James Carlson, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday and from 1:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday and from 9 until 10 a.m. on Friday at Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly. There will be a parish vigil service at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials for Lillian may be given to the American Heart Association or the family discretionary fund.