

Rita M. Kirby

June 15, 2016



Rita M. Kirby, 89, died Thursday, June 9, 2016, in her Caseville home with her family by her side.

Rita was born Sept. 23, 1926, in Muskegon, daughter of Isadore and Louise Homrich.

She graduated from Royal Oak High School in Royal Oak in 1944. Rita was a loving woman, a very devout Christian, a homemaker, artist, quilter, excellent cook and a North Huron Head Start aide.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert S. Kirby. Rita was a devoted mother and is survived by her children, Karen (Rick) List, Shelly (Pat) Nicholl, Marcia (Duane) Dhyse, Ken (Clarita) Kirby, Mike (Karen) Kirby and Mary (Randy) Dhyse.

Rita was a wonderful grandmother to Kate (Ryan) Conzelmann, Tom (Amy) Johnson, Kellie (Dod) Oliver, Diane (Travis) Haney, Emily Dunn, Elizabeth Greene, Shannon Lewandowski, Nicole Lewandowski, Jena (Matt) Zimmerman, Jim (Kristy) Dhyse, Alison (Justin) Graves, Rebecca Kirby, Edmond Kirby, Norah Kirby, Kevin (Tonya) Kirby, Steve (Amy) Kirby, Nick (Lacey) Dhyse, Jake (Staci) Dhyse and Russell (Linsey) Dhyse. She was a proud great-grandmother to Thomas, Clare and Lucy Conzelmann, Olivia and Henrik Johnson, Gavin and Keira Oliver, Luke, Isabel, Sophie and Ellie Haney, McKalyn and Emerson Dunn, Aria and Bria Greene, Gwyn and Reid Zimmerman, Sophia Graves, Harper and Henry Kirby, Elsie and Emmett Dhyse, and Conrad Dhyse. WHEW!

Rita is survived by her brother, Tom; sisters-in-law, Mary, Carol and Lil.

Rita was preceded in death by her two brothers, Del and Ray; two sisters-in-law, Joan and Kay and one brother-in-law, Duke. She also leaves behind a very special friend and neighbor, Betty.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday June 18 at Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon.

A gathering will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 17 at the MacAlpine Mac Chapel in Bad Axe and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service Saturday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Compassus Hospice, Cass City or Cross Lutheran Church, Pigeon.

Condolences can be shared at www.macalpinefuneralhome.com