

Stepka, Agnes M.

Mrs. Agnes M. Stepka, 97, of Deckerville and formerly of Austin Township, passed away Friday, Dec. 12, 2008 at Autumnwood of Deckerville.

Agnes was born Nov. 30, 1911 in Parisville, to the late Joseph and Anna (Lobert) Lemanski. She married Leo Stepka on July 2, 1932 at St. Rita's Catholic Church in Detroit. He preceded her in death on Nov. 15, 1969.

Agnes was a graduate of a country school. She lived in Detroit for a few year before moving to the farm in Austin Township. She was a parishioner at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Freiburg and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Argyle. She was a custodian for the elderly from 1956-1976. Agnes enjoyed sewing, baking and painting.

Agnes is survived by one daughter, Barbara Salowitz of Ubly; one son, Albert Stepka and his wife, Patricia, of Palms; five grandchildren, Paul (Jan) Salowitz of Flint, Alan (Kathy) Salowitz of Macomb, Timothy Salowitz of Hazel Park, Christopher Salowitz of Ubly, and Julianne "Julie" Salowitz of Bradenton, Fla.; four great-grandchildren, Kelly Salowitz, Shawn Salowitz, Steve Salowitz and Cheyann Salowitz; and four great-great-grandchildren, Kelton, Benjamin, William and Howard Salowitz.

Agnes was preceded in death by one son-in-law, Mark Salowitz; four brothers, Roman, Julius, Albert and Joseph Lemanski; four sisters, Bertha Thimm, Margaret MacEachin, Irene Olshove and Sally Lemanski.

Memorial Mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 9, 2009 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Argyle. The Rev. Robert Shine will officiate. Burial will be in the St. Ignatius Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly.