

## **Ventline, Thecla**

Thecla "Tillie" Ventline, 92, resident of Kinde, died Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at Courtney Manor Nursing Center in Bad Axe. She was born October 8, 1911 in Grindstone, daughter of the late Frank and Anna (Jimpowski) Fisher. Tillie Fisher and George Ventline were united in marriage November 11, 1931. They were married for 68 years until George's death on November 1, 2000. Tillie attended Port Austin Schools. She was a parishioner at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Kinde for 70 years. She was a member of St. Mary's Holy Rosary, St. Mary's Alter Society, Daughters of Isabella, and Kinde Senior Citizens. She enjoyed playing bingo and euchre, watching the Detroit Tigers, polka music, and spending time with family and friends. Surviving are three daughters, Virginia Dropiewski, of Ubly, Helen Rifenbark and her husband, Ralph, of Bad Axe, Stella Gorkowski and her husband, Robert, of Filion; two sons, Clarence Ventline and his wife, Joyce, of Cass City, and Joseph Ventline and his wife, Sandy, of Columbus, Ohio; 23 grandchildren, Mary, Randy, Kathy, Darren, Chris, Rita, Sharon, Linda, Marlene, Mark, Duane, Dave, Carrie, Grace, Paula, Mike, Debra, Frank, Cindy, Jim, John, Susie and Joey; 42 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; four sisters, Agnes Ina, of Port Austin, Helen Schramski and her husband, John, of Kinde, Josephine Kozlowski and her husband, Harry, of Port Austin, Florence Prill and her husband, Alex, of Port Austin; and several nieces and nephews. Tillie was preceded in death by her husband, George Ventline; three infant sons, Martin, James and George; and two brothers, Jim and Mark Fisher. Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 22, 2004, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Kinde. Fr. Mieczyslaw Oniskiewicz will officiate. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery in Kinde. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. today and from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Saturday at MacAlpine Funeral Home, Gage Chapel, in Kinde. The Holy Rosary and Alter Society will present the rosary at 7:30 p.m. tonight. This will be followed by a parish wake scripture at 8 p.m. and the Daughters of Isabella will present a service at 8:30 p.m. Memorials may be offered to the charity of the donor's choice. Please visit the tribute web site for Tillie at [www.macalpine.yourtribute.com/TillieVentline](http://www.macalpine.yourtribute.com/TillieVentline).