

Rita C. Glaza

Rita C. Glaza, 85, of Ruth, passed away Thursday morning, May 10, 2012, at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe, after an extended illness, with her family at her side, while under Hospice Care.

She was born June 3, 1926, in Sherman Township, to the late John and Cecelia (Booms) Terbrack. She married Arthur B. Glaza Sr. June 4, 1946, at Ss. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church in Ruth. He preceded her in death June 9, 2010.

They lived in the Parisville area early in their wedded years, moving to a farm in Delaware Township, near Ruth, in 1956. They sold the farm in 1996, moving to Ruth.

Rita attended Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic School in Ruth. Rita was a homemaker, honorary Christian Mother's member and, later in life, worked as a cook at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic School in Ruth. In her retirement years, Rita accompanied her husband, Art, using her talents entertaining any way worthy of a challenge. She participated in past Ss. Peter and Paul's fund raising "He-Haws," being best remembered for the Classic Act of "Out Behind The Barn." She also entertained at the Huron County Medical Care Facility, Courtney Manor, Autumnwood, Tendercare of Cass City, the Ugly Homecoming and many local gatherings and festivals. She was a member of many music groups, including the Shoreline 5, Happy Handfuls, Happy Notes, Lila and Company, Thumb Pioneer, The Log Cabin Group, Eastern Music Makers, Variety Music Makers, Charlie Geiger Group, The Gospel Quartet, as well as others.

Rita is survived by her children, Edward Glaza of Marysville, Thomas (Diane) Glaza of Marlette, Angeline (Ronald) Peruski of Elk Rapids, Marilyn (Douglas) Grekowicz of Bay City, and Daniel (Betty Jo) Glaza, Delphine (Gary) Bairski and Christine (Paul) Gorkowski, all of Bad Axe, Arthur Jr. (Suzette) Glaza of Decker, Donald (Lidia) Glaza of Minden City, Catherine (Mark) Roggenbuck of Harbor Beach and Arlene (Robert) Schipinski of Filion; 35 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Adelaide (Jerome) Block of Ruth, Alice (Kenneth) Sadro and Rosalia (Richard) Holdwick of Bad Axe; two brothers, John Terbrack of Southgate and Donald (Nancy) Terbrack of Harbor Beach; and in-laws, Delores Terbrack (Harry) Roggenbuck of Harbor Beach, Billie Johnson of Livonia, Norman Glaza of Hazel Park and Marshall Glaza of Merritt.

Rita was preceded in death by her brothers, Herbert (Janette) Terbrack, Herman Terbrack, Marvin (Jean) Terbrack, Marius Terbrack, Gerald Terbrack and Clarence Terbrack; sisters, Evelyn (Arthur) Learman, Jeanette (Frank) Seidl, Beatrice Glaza and Matilda Johnson; and in-laws, Donna Terbrack, Angeline (Isadore) Pyrek and Eleanor (Steve) Vrobel.

A funeral mass of Christian burial celebrating the life of Rita will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday at Ss. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church in Ruth. The Rev. Peter Nwokoye, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday and from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ugly. There will be a Christian Mother's Rosary at 7 p.m. Saturday and a parish vigil service at 7 p.m. Sunday. Both services will be at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the family discretionary fund.

Please visit www.smigielskifuneralhomes.com to sign the guest book for Rita's family.