

MacNamara, Norma E.

Norma E. MacNamara, 85, of Jeddo, passed away Friday, May 20, 2005, in Evangelical Home, Fort Gratiot, after a courageous fight with lung cancer. She was born February 12, 1920 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada to the late George and Virginia (Duncan) MacNamara. Norma was married to August Grayson, by whom her two daughters, Catherine and Patricia, were born. In 1944, she divorced August, and married Michael J. Gusky on July 25, 1947. He died in 1978. Norma worked for many years in the automotive accessories industry. Her factory work led her to membership and leadership in the labor union movement. She also began a family-owned business that provided custom-made embroidered goods — from bowling shirts to specialized work for Jacobson's and Mosley Corporation. An active member for more than 53 years in Alcoholics Anonymous, she was drawn to further education in the field of alcoholism and substance abuse, and nearly completed her degree in the field. She served as counselor for the majority of her 85 years at Harrison Hospital, Chesterfield; Port Huron Hospital, Port Huron; Otsego Memorial Hospital, Gaylord; and finally at Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center of Memphis, Michigan. She first retired from Sacred Heart in 1990, and after nine more years of part-time service, really retired in 1999. She then went to live with her daughter, Catherine, in Port Sanilac. She is survived by her daughter, the Rev. Catherine W. Hiner; her sister, Helen Sears, of Riverview; granddaughter, Roberta Hiner and her special friend, Mary Goshe, of Nevada, Ohio; cousin, Hope Ross, of Sarnia; son-in-law, Thomas Fraser Sr., of Lansing; and granddaughter, Deborah Gross. Norma was blessed by more than just her immediate family. She also is survived by step-grandchildren Gretchen LoCricchio and her husband, Giovanni, Jennifer McCullah and her husband, Pete, Christine Kuester and her husband, Randy, David Hiner and his wife, Helene, Cindy and Bret Gross, Thomas Fraser Jr., and his wife, Mary Pat, George Fraser, and Kay Kiomento, and her husband, Dr. James; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, great-grandchildren and friends. Norma was preceded in death by her sister, Florence Cull; a brother, Harold; a daughter, Patricia Fraser; a grandson, Anthony Todaro; a son-in-law, Robert Hiner; a step-granddaughter, Mary Beth (Trombley) Fraser; and a step-grandson, James Fraser. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 23, 2005, in the Pomeroy Funeral Home, 5635 Main Street in Lexington. The Rev. Marvin H. McCallum will officiate. Burial will be the next morning at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East, Clinton Township. Visitation will be held from 2 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.