Janowiak, Sylvia M.

Mrs. Sylvia M. Janowiak, 88, of Ubly, passed away Tuesday, August 8, 2006, at the Lapeer Regional Medical Center. She was born December 27, 1917 in Minden City, the second oldest of 13 children. She was the daughter of the late Leo and Matilda (Olszowy) Osantowski. She married Arthur "Red" Janowiak on April 13, 1940 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Argyle. He preceded her in death on June 16, 1988. Sylvia lived in Ubly for almost 60 years and was a school bus driver for many years for the Ubly Community Schools. She owned the Ubly Dragway for 43 years. She was a former owner of the Arayle Bar. She was Co-Grand Marshall of the Ubly Homecoming. She was a parishioner at St. John Catholic Church in Ubly, where she was a member of the St. John Christian Mothers Circle No. 1, St. Ann's. She was a member of the Daughter of Isabella Fidelis Regina Circle No. 608 and a member of the T.V.O. No. 1 Auxiliary. She was a member of the Ubly Community Club and food coordinator for the Ubly Homecoming. She loved baking, cooking, canning, gardening, and sewing. Sylvia is survived by her children, Sandra Robinson and her husband, Philip, of Cass City, Shirley Parks, of Holly, Donald Janowiak and his wife, Barbara, of Ubly, Dennis Janowiak and his wife, Linda, of Ubly, Jane Ogozaly and her husband, Douglas, of Fenton; eight grandchildren, Annette (Robert) Brown, of Oxford, Gary Robinson, of Cass City, Edward (Valerie) Robinson, of Cass City, Connie (Jerry) Ezell, of Fletcher, North Carolina, Vicky Robinson and her friend. Eric H., of Holland, Brian and Nicholas Janowiak, of Ubly, Michael (Tiffany) Parks, of Holly; four step-grandchildren, Richard Haas, Robert Brown Jr., Trish and Jeremy Brown; seven great-grandchildren, Brent Robinson, of Howell, Hailie Robinson, of Caro, Austin, Rylee and Brianna Parks, of Holly, Derick Robinson and Timothy Ezell, of North Carolina; four step-great-grandchildren, Shawna and Jasmine Johnson, Alexandra and Audrey Brown; one brother, Leo Osantowske; four sisters, Beatrice Prang and her husband, George, Olave Bukoski, Christine Ulfig and her husband, John, Grace Willis and her husband, Jack; three sisters-in-law, Irene Kowalski, Marie Oleksiak, and Magdalene Janowiak; one brother-in-law, Herb Janowiak and his wife, Bernie. She was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Audrey Jane Janowiak; one son-in-law, Earl Parks; one step-grandson, Andy Haas; brothers and sisters, Adam Osantowske, Mildred Osantowske, Calvin Osantowske, Leonard (Virginia) Osantowske, Gertrude (Joe) Stockman, Esther (Chester) Konka, Elizabeth "Betty" (Frank) Ertman, Betty Osantowske, Robert Bukoski; brothers and sisters-in-law, Clements Janowiak, Irvin Janowiak, Eugene and Mary Janowiak, Eleanor and Roman Smith, Al Oleksiak. A Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 11, 2006, at St. John Catholic Church in Ubly. The Rev. Patrick O'Connor, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Essexville, will officiate. Burial will be in the St. John Catholic Cemetery in Ubly. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. today, from 1 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, and from 9 to 10 a.m. on Friday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home of Ubly. There will be a Christian Mothers rosary at 8 p.m. on Wednesday evening. On Thursday there will be a service by the Thumb Veterans Organization No. 1 Auxiliary at 6:30 p.m., a parish vigil service at 7 p.m. and a Daughters of Isabella Rosary at 8 p.m. All services will be at the funeral home.