

Duda, Emma K.

Mrs. Emma K. Duda, 91, resident of Bad Axe for 65 years, passed away Wednesday morning, April 18, 2007, at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe. Emma was born on June 21, 1915 in Argyle to the late Alex and Verne (Osentowski) Heleske. She married Daniel R. Duda on November 23, 1940 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Freiburg. He preceded her in death on March 29, 1985. Emma was a graduate of Ubly High School. She had been a parishioner at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rapson for over 50 years and was a member of St. Rita's Altar Society. Emma liked to cook, crochet afghans, pillows and dollies, and doing her crafts. Emma is survived by two daughters, Deanna Messing and her husband, Thomas, of Romeo, Theresa Wojtalewicz and her husband, Dennis, of Ortonville; two sons, James Duda and his wife, Rosemarie, and William Duda, both of Bad Axe; 14 grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Leta Duda, of Mt. Clemens. Emma was preceded in death by two sisters, Bertha Sharbowski and Gertrude High; one brother, Frank Heleske. A Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 21, 2007, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rapson. The Rev. Robert Shine will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 1:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday at the church. There will be a rosary at 6:30 p.m. on Friday by St. Rita's Altar Society and a parish vigil service at 7 p.m. Both services will be at the funeral home.