

Kowalski, Margaret M.

Mrs. Margaret M. "Rita" Kowalski, 86, of Minden City, passed away Wednesday, April 1, 2009 after a short illness.

Rita was born May 10, 1922 in Down Patrick, Northern Ireland, to the late William and Alice (Quinn) Ross.

She married Harold J. Kowalski, Sr. in April of 1944 in Tonton, England. He preceded her in death Oct. 12, 2004.

Rita is survived by two daughters, Patti Kenny and her husband, Cliff, of Sandusky, Sheila Kirsch and her husband, Gerald, of Plymouth; one son, Bud and his wife, Mary, of Sandusky; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; two sisters, Eileen Dyer of New Jersey and Mary Bober of Florida; and son-in-law, Norman Kaufman of Minden City.

She was preceded in death by her husband; and two daughters, Diana Kowalski and Margie Kaufman.

Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Monday, April 6, 2009 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Parisville. The Rev. Peter Nwokoye, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1:30 to 9 p.m. Sunday and 9 to 10 a.m. Monday at Smigielski Funeral Home on Cass Avenue in Minden City. There will be a rosary at 7 p.m. Sunday evening at the funeral home.

Memorials are requested to Autumnwood of Deckerville or the Deckerville Hospital.