

Pettit, Clara

Clara M. Pettit, 97, of Port Austin passed away on Friday, Jan. 4, 2002, at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe. She was born on July 22, 1904, in Sigel Township, the daughter of Joseph and Anne (Rumzek) Choppa. She and Bernard Pettit were married on May 17, 1927, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rapson. He preceded her in death on April 26, 1971. Clara was a graduate of the Adams Country School in Sigel Township. She was a parishioner of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin since 1927. She enjoyed tating and made many articles. She also liked playing the organ. Clara went to live with her daughter, Lorraine Craig, and son-in-law, John, of Bad Axe in June 1997 until she entered Courtney Manor in May of 2000. She is survived by two daughters, Lorraine Craig and her husband, John, of Bad Axe and Evelyn Walsh of Port Austin; 17 grandchildren, Valerie Sirwaitis and her husband, Frank, of Redford, Diane Bergey and her husband, Art, of Romeo, Gregory Craig and his wife, Julie, Rodney Craig and Melissa Craig, all of Bad Axe, Laurie Polega and her husband, Dennis, of Kinde, Brian Craig and his wife, Jeanne, of Potterville, Barry Craig and his wife, Gretchen, of Berkley, Donna Walsh and her husband, Thomas, of Sebewaing, Mark Craig and his wife, Paula, of Schoolcraft, Randall Craig and his wife, Anne, of Livonia, David Walsh and his wife, Martha, of White Lake, Susan Foyt and her husband, Robert, of Shelby Township, Michael Walsh of Gregory, Maureen Learman of Port Austin, Mary Wellman and her husband, Chris, of New Baltimore and Jennifer Mauk of Lennox Township; 27 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one son, Earl; one grandson, Patrick Walsh; three brothers, John, Edward and George Choppa; two sisters, Julia Depcinski and Thersa Schneidenbach. The funeral mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. on today, Jan. 7, 2002, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin with burial in the church cemetery.