

Soberay, Cassie

Cassie Soberay, a former resident of Ubly, Los Angeles, California and Detroit, is survived by a daughter, Catherine Russell Ezell and son-in-law, Phillip; granddaughter, Pamela Turner and grandson-in-law, Michael; one grandson, John Grifka; one great-grandson, Mitchell Turner; and sister, Helen McBride. She was born August 29, 1912, in Detroit. Cassie, with per parents and younger sister, moved from Detroit to Ubly when Cassie was 8-years-old. She and her sister attended Ubly High School. After high school, Cassie managed a small store. She also worked at a defense plant in Detroit. She truly earned the name "Rosie the Riveter". Cassie married Frank Szalwinski in 1946. They had one daughter, Catherine. Cassie married Emil Soberay in 1952. Cassie worked at the Huron Memorial Hospital until retirement. After retirement she worked as an in-home physical therapist. Cassie was a writer who had many of her poems published locally and nationally. She also volunteered her time visiting the residents at the local nursing homes. Cassie has been a Christian Mother since 1954 at St. Monica, Circle 2. Preceding Cassie in death are her husband, Emil Soberay; parents, Casimer and Katherine Odwazny, who immigrated from Poland/Russia in the early 1900's; brothers, Casimer, four-years-old, Walter, two-years-old; and sister, Stephanie, one-year-old. Her family is extremely grateful for her love, kindness, caring and nurturing. Although we will miss her so very much, we are comforted in knowing the angels have brought her home to the Lord she so loved her entire life. Our tears will soon be replaced by the wonderful memories she left for all of us as a sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. A Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 3, 2004, at St. John Catholic Church in Ubly. The Rev. Steve Fillion, pastor of St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, will officiate. Burial will be in the St. John Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and from 9 to 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly. There will be two services on Tuesday, a vigil service at 6:30 p.m. and a Christian Mothers rosary at 7 p.m.