

Polega, Mary Ann

Mary Ann Polega, 73, of Caseville died Sunday, March 2, 2003, at her home while under hospice care. She was born May 22, 1929 at the home of her parents, the late Alex and Anna (Grates) Talaski in Sigel Township. On June 14, 1947, she was united in marriage to Irvin E. Polega at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rapson. They raised their family in Bloomfield Township near Rapson where she was a 4-H leader for many years. Mary Ann was employed at Hamill Manufacturing in Bad Axe and Ubly for more 12 years. In March of 1977, they retired and moved to Caseville Township. She was a member of St. Roch Catholic Church and Women's Society in Caseville, the Caseville Eagle Auxiliary and the Caseville Library Club. Mary Ann was very artistic with needle and thread. Her passion was quilting and she made many beautiful quilts that she shared with family and friends. She is survived by her husband, Irvin; four sons, Bernard Polega and his wife, Carol, of New Waverly, Texas, Ronald Polega and his wife, Sheila, of Shelby Township, Melvin Polega and his wife, Sandi, of Allegan, Dennis Polega and his wife, Laurie, of Kinde; four daughters, Patricia Carpenter and her husband, Ronald, of Waterford, Linda Kozfkay and her husband, Robert, of Lexington, Joyce Messing and her husband, Paul, of Haslett, Irene Muehlfeld and her husband, David, of Cypress, Calif.; 25 grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; three brothers, Thomas Talaski and Julius Talaski of Filion, Carl Talaski of Milford; four sisters, Edna Peyerk, Irene Gorney and Marge Woychowski, all of Bad Axe, and Magdalin Leppek of Filion. Preceding her in death were four brothers, Lawrence, Bernard, Frank and Robert Talaski. A funeral mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2003, at St. Roch Catholic Church. The Rev. Fr. Kenneth Yaroch, pastor will officiate with burial in the church cemetery. A parish rosary service will be conducted at 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the Champagne Funeral Chapel in Caseville. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, 2 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home, and after 10 a.m. on Thursday at the church. Memorials may be given to St. Roch Building Fund or United Hospice.