

### **Warchuck, Rita M.**

Mrs. Rita M. Warchuck, 74, of Ruth and Hale, passed away Wednesday evening, Oct. 29, 2008 at the home of her daughter and son-in-law. As Rita went to be with the Lord, she was surrounded by her loving family and under Heartland Hospice Care.

Rita was born on Aug. 30, 1934 in Harbor Beach, daughter of the late Charles Marcus and Mabel Ida (Winkel) Holdwick, Sr. She was united in marriage to Richard Charles Warchuck, Sr. on Nov. 29, 1952 at Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. He preceded her in death on June 9, 2004. Rita graduated from Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in 1952. She was a loving wife, mother and fantastic homemaker. She was a parishioner at Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Ruth where she was a member of the Ss. Peter & Paul Christian Mothers Sodality. Rita was also a former parishioner at St. Pius Catholic Church in Hale. She was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary and Friends Instantly Sending Help (FISH), both of Hale. She was an avid card player and an extraordinary cook, taking pleasure in sharing delicious recipes with her children and grandchildren. Most of all, Rita treasured time spent with family and friends. She was devoted to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will always be remembered for her kind loving heart and warm smile. Rita has brought beautiful memories to everyone who touched her life.

Rita is survived by five sons: Richard Warchuck, Jr. and his wife, Karen, of Ruth; Randy Warchuck and his wife, Debbie, of Ruth; Tim Warchuck and his wife, Lori, of Smith's Creek; Douglas Warchuck and his wife, Pam, of Sandusky; Jeff Warchuck and his wife, Mandi, of Coruna, Calif.; eight daughters: Cindy Osantowski and her husband, Gary, of Ubly; Linda Nowiski and her husband, Ron, of Harbor Beach; Sandy Klaus and her husband, Ken, of Palms; Debbie Grifka and her husband, Tim, of Tucson, Ariz.; Kathy Leavine and her husband, Larry, of Ubly; Bonnie Thoms and her husband, Glen, of Marne; Wendy Volmering and her husband, Rich, of Harbor Beach; Becky Kirsch and her husband, Rod, of Harbor Beach; 48 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Charles Holdwick and his wife, Irene, of Ferndale; Norman Holdwick and his wife, Jackie, of Lexington; brother-in-law, Daniel Osantowski; sisters-in-law, Karen Holdwick and Mary Jane (Warchuck) Hook; aunt, Violet Darling and her husband, Jim. Rita was preceded in death by her husband, Richard; one infant son, James; two grandsons, Joey Lemanski and Scott Mausolf; two brothers, Kenneth Holdwick, Ralph Holdwick; one sister, Gladys Osantowski.

Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 3, 2008 at Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. The Rev. Robert Pare, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday and from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly. There will be a Christian Mothers rosary at 3 p.m. Sunday and a parish vigil service at 7 p.m. on Sunday. Both services will be at the funeral home.