

Grifka, Magdalene D.

Magdalene "Maggie" D. Grifka, 76, of Ubly, died Friday, March 21, 2008 at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe.

She was born Aug. 3, 1931 in Parisville. Daughter of the late Leo and Julia (Kubacki) Susalla. Magdalene married Lewis "Lloyd" R. Grifka on May 6, 1950 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Parisville. He preceded her in death on Nov. 7, 1999.

She attended rural school and St. Joseph Academy in Adrian. Maggie was a parishioner of St. John Catholic Church in Ubly where she was a choir member. She was an honorary member of St. John Christian Mothers Circle No. 1, St. Ann's. Maggie enjoyed cooking and canning.

She is survived by five children, Daniel Grifka and his wife, Peggy, of Wayne, Gary Grifka and his wife, Pat, of Bristol, RI, Marlene Sossi of Ubly, Edward Grifka and his wife, Billie, of Gold Bar, Wash., Linda Grifka of Lapeer; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; five brothers, Harold Susalla and his wife, Betty, Hillary Susalla and his wife, Grace, Kenneth Susalla and his wife, Susie, Eugene Susalla and his wife, Diane, and Gerald Susalla and his wife, Shirley; three sisters, Lillian Abraham and her husband, James, Margaret Musiniski and her husband, Donald, and Kathryn Veese; brother-in-law, Richard Goniwiecha.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Jeanette Goniwiecha.

Funeral Mass for Magdalene Grifka will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 25, 2008, at St. John Catholic Church in Ubly. The Rev. Joseph Griffin, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1:30 to 9 p.m. Monday at Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly and from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church. There will be a rosary by the Christian Mothers at 4 p.m. Monday and a parish vigil service at 7 p.m. Monday, both at the funeral home.