

Lerash, Dorothy B.

Dorothy B. Lerash, 84, of Port Austin, died Sunday, April 22, 2007. She was born on November 28, 1922 in Detroit, daughter of the late Arnott and Florence (Berryman) Jones. Dorothy married Stanley J. Lerash on February 2, 1945 in Bay City. He preceded her in death on August 26, 1992. Dorothy and her husband, Stanley, owned the Lerash Hotel in Kinde from 1945 until 1956 and they owned and operated the Chalet Restaurant in Livonia for 13 years before retiring to Port Austin in 1987. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. She enjoyed baking and cooking, crocheting, and loved gardening and visiting with her family, especially her grandchildren. Dorothy is survived by her daughter, Marilyn K. Bruce and special friend, Don Pascarella, of Port Austin; her son, Robert (Julia) Lerash, of Port Austin; five grandchildren, Jody Bruce, Casey Bruce and his fiancée, Erica Tolbert, Brian, Kevin, and Kelly Lerash; nieces and nephews, Robert Jones Jr., Lorrie Hawker, Amy Mucci, and Julianna Jones; her in-laws, Delphine (Walter) Karsmarski, Eddie (Delores) Lerash, Rose (James) Gottschalk, Archie (Linda) Lerash, Eileen Lerash, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her stepfather, George McIntosh; her brother, Robert Jones Sr.; her sister-in-law, Margaret Jones; her niece, Bridget; her in-laws, Ernest Lerash, Virginia and Harry Bolda, and Raymond Lerash. A Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 26, 2007, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. Officiating will be the Rev. Robert Paré. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at the Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursday at the church. There will be a rosary led by the Holy Rosary Sodality at 6 p.m. on Wednesday and a vigil will be conducted at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.