

Ballagh, Stella P.

Mrs. Stella P. Ballagh, 84, of Sheridan Corners, passed away suddenly Saturday, January 27, 2007, at the Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. Stella was born October 30, 1922 in Shamokin, Pennsylvania to the late William and Pauline (Derlon) Gyskiewicz. She married James T. Ballagh on December 14, 1941 in Ohio. Stella was a graduate of Cass City High School. She worked at Brown's Department Store in Bad Axe and was a salesperson at Buckley Shoes in Bad Axe for over 20 years before retiring. She was a parishioner at St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Sheridan Corners since 1941. She was a former member of the St. Columbkille Christian Mothers and choir. She was a member of a card club. She enjoyed euchre, dancing, decorating and restoring furniture. Stella is survived by her husband, James, of Ubly; her children, William Ballagh and his wife, Dianne, of Dexter, James Ballagh and his wife, Cheryl, of Oxford, Kathleen Milligan and her husband, Alan, of Cass City, Marilou Barszczowski and her husband, Thomas, of Dearborn, David Ballagh and his significant other, Colleen Mouton, of Sheridan; seven grandchildren; three great grandchildren; three sisters, Florence Bruniski, of Shamokin, Pennsylvania, Rita Siedl and her husband, Earl, of Shamokin, Pennsylvania, and Valerie Cahil, of Glendora, New Jersey. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Flory and John Gyskiewicz; seven sisters, Anna, Eleanor, Agnes, Mary, Helen, Frances and Rosemary. A Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 31, 2007, at St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Sheridan Corners. The Rev. Joseph Griffin, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery in the spring. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the church. There will be a parish vigil service at 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.