

De Smet, Helen

Helen De Smet, 85, of Kalamazoo and formerly of Minden City, died on Sunday, July 23, 2000. She was born on Feb. 3, 1915, in Detroit, to the late Frank and Bernice (Prokop) Moskal. She married Julian A. De Smet on Dec. 31, 1930, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Detroit. He preceded her in death on April 24, 1979. She enjoyed reading, gardening, crocheting afghans and embroidering quilts for her family. She is survived by three daughters, Julie Ann Bielat of Kalamazoo, Darlene Stoyka and her husband, Charles, of St. Ignace and Gloria Macker and her husband, Ronald, of Minden City; six grandchildren, Michael Lesnoff of Jacksonville, Fla., Fredrick Bielat of Chicago, Charles Stoyka Jr. of Costa Mesa, Calif., Susan Stein and her husband, Richard, of Schoolcraft, Todd Macker of Harrison Township and Troy Macker of Minden City; three great-grandchildren, Cassandra and Margaret Stein and Cassandra Deanda; two sisters, Frances Alcini of Orlando, Fla., and Sophie Young of Macomb. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Chester, Bernard, Stanley and John Moskal. Mass of Christian burial will be at noon Wednesday, July 26, 2000 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Parisville. The Rev. Charles Hammond, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 2:30 to 9:30 p.m. today and from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Smigielski Funeral Home on Cass Avenue in Minden City.