

Goniwicha, Martha

Martha Goniwicha, 100, of Harbor Beach, passed away Friday, April 9, 2004, at the Harbor Beach Long Term Care Facility after a short illness. Martha was born February 25, 1904 in Parisville to the late Andrew and Mary (Pelot) O'Parka. She married Albert Goniwicha on June 29, 1926 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Parisville. He preceded her in death on July 31, 1987. Martha attended a country school. She farmed with her husband and family, moving to Harbor Beach in 1971. She was a parishioner at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church in Harbor Beach for 32 years. She was a lifelong parishioner at St. Mary Catholic Church in Parisville and a member of the Rosary Sodality. Martha enjoyed bingo, playing cards, quilting, and visiting with her family. Martha is survived by one daughter, Joan Ender and her husband, Merritt, of Kinde; two sons, Calvin Goniwicha and his wife, Mary Ann, of Warren, Robert Goniwicha, of Inkster; one foster daughter, Valerie Wagner, of Ohio; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Minnie Bismack, of Minden City, Grace Peruski, of Ubly, Mrs. Beatrice Lemanski and her husband, Vick, of Bad Axe; one brother, Chester O'Parka and his wife, Genevieve, of Bad Axe. Martha was preceded in death by one daughter, Betty Schifano; and three sisters, Theresa Lemke, Gertrude Zulka and Phoebe Lemanski. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Parisville. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 1:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the church only. There will be a rosary by the St. Mary Rosary Sodality on Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. at the funeral home.