

Goniwicha, Helen

Mrs. Helen M. Goniwicha, 92, of Hastings and formerly of Rapson, passed away Sunday, April 27, 2003, at Thornapple Manor Nursing Home in Hastings. Helen was born July 20, 1910 in Helena to the late William and Wilhemina (Wagner) Groll. She married Sylvester Goniwicha on Sept. 14, 1929 at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church of Harbor Beach. He preceded her in death on Sept. 25, 1986. Helen attended a country school. She was a member of St. Ambrose in Delton. She was a member of St. Rita's Altar Society of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rapson, where she was a former parishioner. She was a member of St. Mary's Rosary Sodality of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Parisville. She loved to quilt, garden, farm, attend garage sales, and spend time with her grandchildren. Helen is survived by five sons, Joseph Goniwicha and his wife, Mary, of Sun City, Fla., Ronald Goniwicha and his significant other, Sally, of Bay City, Allen Gunn and his wife, Joan, of Port Austin, Dennis Goniwicha and his wife, Grace, of Owendale, Richard Goniwicha and his wife, Donna, of Hickory Corners; two daughters, Phyllis Talaski and her husband, Archie, of Bad Axe, Sherry Swartz and her husband, Robert, of Harbor Beach; 27 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter. Helen was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Shannon Lloyd; two infant great-grandchildren, Joshua Goniwicha and Frances Nowicki; two daughters-in-law, Doris and Mary Ann Goniwicha; two brothers, Ray and Alvin Groll; two sisters, Adaline Belkowski and Ann White. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2003, at St. Joseph Catholic Church of Rapson. The Rev. John Weis, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. There will be a joint rosary at 8 p.m. on Wednesday at Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home of Ubly by St. Rita's Altar Society of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Rapson and St. Mary's Rosary Sodality of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Parisville. Visitation will be from 6:30 to 9:30 tonight, from 1 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, and from 9 to 10 a.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.