

## **Grates, Eleanor**

Leona Grates, 94, of Port Austin, passed away on Friday, May 9, 2003, at the home of her son, Douglas, in Sand Point. She was born on Jan. 23, 1909 in Star Junction, Pa. She and Ernest Grates were married in 1936 in Detroit. Leona was a member of the St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. She loved to spend time with her family and friends. Leona is survived by seven children: Jerome Grates, and his special friend, Sandra Miller, of St. Clair, Patty Ditta and her husband, Ben, of Gainesville, Ga., Sharon Radlinski and her special friend, Bud Isel, of Bad Axe, Susan Kustra and her husband, Josip, of New Rochelle, N.Y., Douglas Grates and his wife, Susan, of Sand Point, Pam Grates and her special friend, Jay Barth, of Ann Arbor, and Mary Grates and David Nehr, of Orion; 23 grandchildren, Steve, Sandra, Kirk, Jennifer, Ernie, Angela, Elizabeth, Nick, Pam, Sherill, Steven, Ante, Ammie, Joe, Mara, Mike, Mary Rose, Hannah, Nathan, David, Bethany, Tim, Olivia; seven great-grandchildren, Ashley, Yanni, Lindsey, Madison, Spencer, Audrey, Millie; a daughter-in-law, Donna Grates, of New Port Richey, Fla. She was preceded in death by two sons, Ernie and Robert Grates; one son-in-law, Jerry Radlinski. Funeral mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 12, 2003, at the St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. Officiating will be Rev. Ken Yaroach. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Monday at the Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde. The Holy Rosary Sodality led the rosary which took place on Saturday. There will be a Parrish Rosary at 7:30 tonight at the funeral home.