

**Ptak, Bertha**

Bertha Ptak, 96, of Port Austin died Thursday, March 21, 2002, at the Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. She was born on Nov. 6, 1905, in Kinde, daughter of the late Peter and Theresa (Buchkowski) Salowitz. She and Edward P. Ptak were married on April 22, 1935, at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Kinde. He preceded her in death on March 7, 1998. Bertha taught school in the Detroit school system and moved to Port Austin after retiring in 1970. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin and of the Priscilla Club in Port Austin. She worked in the Huron Memorial Hospital gift shop for many years. Bertha enjoyed spending her time reading and traveling. She is survived by her daughter, Teresa O'Neill and her husband, Thomas, of Bryan, Texas; one grandson, Paul O'Neill and his wife, Jennifer, of Bryan, Texas; and two great-grandchildren, Jacob and Lucas. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Agnes and Irene; and two brothers, Irving and Adam. A funeral mass will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 23, 2002, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. The Rev. Robert Pare' will officiate. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. A vigil service will take place at 7 p.m. this evening at Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde. Visitation will be 2:30 to 9 p.m. today and 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.