

MARITZA "MARIE" (ZIRIADA) MONKABA 1916 - 1995

Maritza (Ziriada) Monkaba, 78 of Grand Blanc and formerly of Sebawaing, died Sunday, July 2, at First Osteopathic Hospital.

Mrs. Monkaba was born in Regina, Saskatchewan Canada on Dec. 17, 1916. She married Joseph Monkaba on Sept. 26, 1936. He preceded her in death on March 23, 1979.

She was an active member of St. George Ladies Auxiliary, Grand Blanc Chapter #507 O.E.S. and First Court No. 2 Order of the Amaranth. Mrs. Monkaba was a loving and generous wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a woman people felt comfortable talking to and a respected source of knowledge and advice. Her great joy in life was having her family around her, especially in her kitchen helping her cook. She loved traveling, bingo and helping others. The family resided in Sebawaing from 1955 to 1963.

Surviving are six children, Dolores (Dolly) and husband Jim Ricker, Suzanne Eremia and fiance' Chester Hank, Patricia and husband Andrew Ptak, Richard and wife Christine Monkaba, Gary and wife Terry Monkaba, Vincent and wife Betsy Monkaba; 17 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters in Detroit and Windsor, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, John Michael and granddaughter, Stacy Ptak.