Fortushniak, Wanda

Wanda Fortushniak, 83, of Port Sanilac, died Monday evening, December 12, 2005, in the loving care of her family at the home of her daughter, Pam, in Bad Axe. She was born June 22, 1922 in Hamtramck, daughter of the late Anthony and Antoinnette (Pupka) Bielkie. She and Walter Fortushniak were married October 10, 1942 in Utica. He died September 4, 1992. Mrs. Fortushniak was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the church choir, and the Altar Society. She was also a member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary Post No. 8872, Port Sanilac. Surviving are three sons, James (Leanne), of Port Huron Township, Wally (Janie), of Port Sanilac, and Daniel (Jean), of Brighton; four daughters. Patricia (Dennis) Schommer, of Port Sanilac, Charlotte (Dan) Touchette, of Belmont, Kathy (Kurt) Fauser, of Keller, Texas, and Pamely (Todd) Gingrich, of Bad Axe; two sisters, Genevieve Staskiewicz, of Sandusky, and Celia Nowak, of Grosse Point Woods; 24 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by brothers, Joseph, Edward, and Zigmond Bielkie; and sister, Helen Bielkie. Mass of Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 16, 2005, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Port Sanilac. The Rev. Paul Bala will officiate. Burial will follow in Old St. Mary's Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Bryan Touchette, Mike and Matt Schommer, Derek, Ed, Andrew, Benjamin, James and Ivan Fortushniak and Aaron Cochren. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. on Thursday at the Pomeroy Funeral Home, Carsonville, and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Friday at the church. Rosary is at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.