

Holdwick, Irene A.

Mrs. Irene Agnes (Volmering) Holdwick, 86, of Ruth passed away Saturday, April 18, 2009 at the Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.

She was born June 29, 1922 in Ruth to the late William and Theresa (Guitar) Volmering. She lived with her parents until the early 1940s, when she worked in Bad Axe and Port Huron before she was married.

She married Robert C. Holdwick Oct. 8, 1947 at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth with the Rev. Frank Kaufman officiating. He preceded her in death on Nov. 13, 2000.

Irene was a graduate of Ss. Peter and Paul Elementary School. She was a lifelong parishioner at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth, where she was a former officer and honorary member of the Christian Mothers. She was honored to be Mama Ruth at the annual Mama Ruth picnic at Ss. Peter and Paul.

Irene farmed with her family for most of her life. She was employed at the former Hamill Manufacturing Company of Bad Axe for seven years. She was a member and former officer of the Parisville VFW Post No. 5740 Auxiliary. She retired from farming in 1988.

Irene was a dedicated wife and mother, raising a family of five daughters and three sons. She enjoyed quilting, needlework, gardening, traveling, playing euchre, and cooking.

Irene is survived by five daughters, Jean Peruski and fiancé, Floyd Hanger, of Saginaw Township, Carol (Tom) Standifer of the Villages, Fla., Rosalie Sparks of Harrison, Ohio, Bonita (Doug) Gainor of Bad Axe, Elaine (Dennis) Aernie of Parchment; three sons, Russell Sr. (Cheryl) of Clinton Township, Duane (Rhonda) of Lake Orion, Mark (Cheryl) of Griffin, Ga.; 19 grandchildren, Dawn (Chris) Ellsworth, Denise (Jamie) Burkhead, Darian (Kerrie) Sparks, Lorin Sparks, Russell Holdwick Jr., Robert Holdwick and fiancée, Amber Hoppe, David Holdwick, Shawn Sparks, Leslie Sparks, Douglas Gainor, Jr., Danielle Gainor, Derek Gainor, Melissa Holdwick, Michael Holdwick and fiancée, Julie Stuit, Andrew Aernie, Nicholas Aernie, Dillon Aernie, Conrad Holdwick, Mark Holdwick Jr.; 10 great-grandchildren, Tyler and Kyle Ellsworth, Aleshia and Isis Sparks, Tiffany, Megan, and Katelyn Sparks, Sean and Timothy Sparks, Brady Aernie; one sister, Elizabeth Geiger of Harbor Beach; one sister-in-law, Margaret Volmering of Bad Axe; brothers and sisters-in-law, Stanley and Lenore Kups of Utica, Roman and Clarann Holdwick of Harbor Beach, Magdeline Stacer of Ruth, Leo and Shirley Holdwick of Ruth, Joseph and Lorraine Holdwick of Ruth; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Tina Peruski; son-in-law, Robert Peruski; brothers and sisters-in-law, Merlin Stacer, Harold and Loretta Stacer, William and Anna Volmering, Vincent and Alvina Volmering, Alexander and Theresa Volmering, Cornelius and Evelyn Volmering, Aloysius Volmering; sister, Mary and Bernard Gentner; brother-in-law, Clement Geiger.

Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. The Rev. Robert Pare, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday and from 1 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubyly, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church only. There will be a Christian Mother rosary at 3 p.m. Tuesday. The ladies of the Parisville VFW Post No. 5740 will have a small service at 3:30 p.m. and there will be a parish vigil service at 7 p.m. Tuesday. All three services will be at the funeral home.

Memorials are requested to the Family Discretionary Fund.