



Mrs. Theresia (Kurylak) Skaly

October 7, 1950 - July 30, 2011

Mrs. Theresia (Kurylak) Skaly, age 92, of Utica and the Heritage Health Care Center, joined her husband and beloved son on July 30, 2011 with the love and support of her family by her side.

Theresia was born on June 18, 1919 in Turka, Ukraine. One of 9 brothers and sisters, she was orphaned at the tender age of 11. She worked on various farms until the age of 22. Due to the war and the hardships in her country, she set out to start a new life in Austria where she was told life was better. She never saw her siblings again. In 1950 she met and married John Skaly and together with their son they came to the United States, eventually settling in Utica. Her husband passed away in 1987.

Theresia was a retired employee at Sperry-Univac. A lady of simple needs, she was hard-working and had a great inner strength. She was an excellent knitter, gardener, and housekeeper. And no one could make babka like Gramma. As many of her time, she witnessed and survived the difficult times in life but lived for her family.

Theresia is survived by her daughter-in-law, Michelle (Valeriano) Skaly. Always close to her heart was the memory of her son, Johann "John" Skaly, who passed away on January 12, 2004. She also leaves her cherished grandchildren, Alicia (Skaly) Brady and husband Kevin of Ithaca, John Skaly and wife Malynet of Utica, and Nicholas Skaly of Saratoga Springs. She also shared life with the Valeriano's who became her family.

The family will gather at a private time to honor Theresia's life. Please refrain

from floral offerings. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Theresia's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Tuesday afternoon, August 2, 2011, at 2:45 at St. Anthony and St. Agnes Church. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. Interment will take place at St. Volodymyr Cemetery, Woods Road, Whitesboro. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.