



Thelma Wanko

September 11, 2005

Thelma Wanko, 84, formerly of Washington Twp. (Belle Vernon) died Sunday, September 11, 2005 in the Charles County Nursing Center, LaPlata, MD. A daughter of the late Emil and Elizabeth Michaelson Koppala, she was born in Weirton, WV on December 30, 1920. She was a member of St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church of Belle Vernon. Survivors include 1 daughter, Leslie L. Wanko of LaPlata, 3 sons and daughters-in-law, James K. and Diane Wanko of Waldorf, MD, Richard W. and Nancy Wanko of LaPlata and Douglas L. and Gina Wanko of Lilburn, GA and 3 grandchildren, David, Tracy and Shannon Wanko. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James L. Wanko on February 3, 1992. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 P.M. Thursday in the Ferguson Funeral Home, Inc. and Cremation Service, a Golden Rule Member Firm, 724-929-5300, 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon. A blessing service will be in the funeral home Friday at 9:30 A.M. followed by a funeral mass in St. Sebastian R.C. Church at 10:00 A.M. with Father Chuck Esposito, parochial vicar, celebrant. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery. The rosary will be prayed in the funeral home on Thursday at 3 P.M. led by members of St. Sebastian Parish.