



## Helen Sopko

August 22, 1931 - April 9, 2009

Helen Sopko, age 77 of Crown Point, IN passed away on Thursday, April 9, 2009, surrounded by her loving family. She was a resident of Merrillville for 50 years and a dedicated parishioner of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church. She was a retired waitress of Holiday Inn, Lighthouse and Broadway Café. Helen was born in Gary, IN on August 22, 1931, to Andrew and Elizabeth Demeter. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Michael Sopko; children - Michael (Cheryl) Sopko of Rensselaer, IN, Roberta McPhee of Valparaiso, IN, Lisa (Carl) Cluney of Lake Mary, FL, and Mark Sopko of Michigan City, IN; grandchildren – Michael (Kari) Sopko, Laura (Ethan) Kuhn, Maegan McPhee, and Michelle Cluney; sister – Bette Drabik of Crown Point, IN; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by sisters – Anna Demeter, Mary Licheniak and brother – Francis “Frank” Demeter. Because of her unique selfless source of love, strength, compassion and humor, Helen was the light of the Sopko family and will be missed by all who knew her.

Funeral service will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 10:15 a.m. from Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point going to St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 200 E. 78th Ave., Merrillville, for a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m., Rev. Andrew J. Corona officiating. Service will terminate at the church with cremation following. Friends are invited to meet with the family at Burns Funeral Home on Monday from 2-8 p.m. A prayer service will be held at 4:30 p.m.