

Bertha A. Olshalsky

Bertha A. Olshalsky, 80, of Frackville, passed away peacefully at her daughter's home with her children at her side Saturday morning.

She was the middle daughter, born to John and Bertha Mudry Marcinik of Saint Clair, July 9, 1927.

She started work at the Saint Clair Garment apparel factory in 1943, made uniforms for the soldiers of World War II at Style Specialists in Pottsville and was later employed at the Martin Dress factory in Frackville. She was a member of the ILGWU and worked at other regional factories until her retirement.

Bertha was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Frackville, where she was active in the Catholic Daughters of America, Court of St. James 1029 and volunteered in the church kitchen. She was a member of the ladies auxiliary of the Goodwill Hose Company, Frackville, and participated in the bowling league while at Martin Dress Factory. She was also active in the Frackville Senior Citizens organization where she was a member since 1977 and enjoyed playing cards with her girlfriends.

She was married to the late William Harvest until his death in 1951 and the late Joseph P. Olshalsky with whom she celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in 1998.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by a sister, Mildred Noel.

Surviving is a son, William Harvest, Allentown; a daughter,

Donna, wife of Tim McGowan, Frackville; a sister, Johnola Petrozino, Frackville; three grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Frackville, with the Rev. David W. Karns officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Albert Gricoski Funeral Home, Frackville, and again from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Interment will be in St. Joseph Parish Cemetery, Butler Township.