From the Thursday, November 19, 2009 edition of the Kankakee Journal:

Services for Helen M. Tobenski, 85, of Herscher, were held Nov. 18 at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. The Rev. Rodney Franklin officiated. Mrs. Tobenski died Nov. 14, 2009. Burial was in St. James the Apostle Cemetery in Irwin. Pallbearers were Klayton, Kyle and Kasey Emling, Dennis and Randy Tobenski, and Keith Witheft.

From the Monday, November 16, 2009 edition of the Kankakee Journal (w/photo):

Helen M. Tobenski, 85, of Herscher, died Saturday (Nov. 14, 2009) at Provena Our Lady of Victory. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday. Burial will be in St. James the Apostle Cemetery, Irwin. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Mrs. Tobenski had worked at the Redwood Inn, Bear Brand Hosiery and the Elwood Ammunition Plant. She was born April 23, 1924, in Bradley, the daughter of Joseph and Amy Matheson Nicklas. Helen enjoyed being outdoors on fishing trips and vacationing with family and friends and eating out with her family. She looked forward to shopping days and lunches with her sisters-in-law and ceramics class with her friends; holiday get-togethers, family birthdays and the simple pleasures of life are the things Helen loved and shared with us. Helen Tobenski will be forever and fondly remembered. Surviving are her husband, Harold J. Tobenski, of Herscher; one daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Ken Emling of Bonfield; three grandchildren, Klayton, Kyle and Kasey Emling; one brother and sister-in-law, Harley and Norma Nicklas of Lansing; three sisters-in-law, Donna (Merlyn) Whiteft, Geraldine Tobenski and Doreen Cowan; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Deceased are her parents; one brother, Joseph Nicklas; one nephew, Chris Nicklas; one sister-in-law, Jean Nicklas; and two brothers-in-law, Ralph Cowan and Bill Tobenski. Please sign her guestbook at clancygernon.com. (Pd.)