

**Virginia E. Niesen**, age 92 of Manistee, Michigan, died Saturday morning, January 7, 2017 at West Shore Medical Center in Manistee. She was born on March 28, 1924 in Manistee, Michigan and was the daughter of the late Joseph and Wanda (Suida) Krolczyk. Virginia was a graduate of Saint Joseph High School in Manistee. She married Roy S. Niesen on October 7, 1943 at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. Roy preceded her in death on April 24, 2008. She was a homemaker all of her life, who enjoyed spending time with her family members. She was very active in scholastic, sporting events and building projects at Manistee Catholic Central Schools, while her sons were growing up and attending the school. She was inducted into the Manistee Catholic Central Hall of Fame in 2013. Virginia loved watching sports, especially the Michigan State Spartans, the Detroit Tigers, Pistons and Lions and Manistee Catholic Central Sabers. She and her husband Roy traveled to all of the Michigan State Football Games while her son Mark played. She was a member of Divine Mercy Parish in Manistee and attended Saint Joseph Catholic Church, and was a member of the Saint Joseph Rosary Society.

She is survived by three sons and daughters in-law, Richard and Judy Niesen of Kalamazoo, MI, Mark and Debbie Niesen and Gary and Pamela Niesen all of Manistee, MI, twelve grandchildren, Jenny (Jim) Cabot, Richard (Jenny Lynn) Niesen, Jeremiah Niesen, Matthew "Dietz" (Nichole) Niesen, Keri (Jason) Cummings, Ryan (Tara) Triage, Kelly (Joe) Helminski, Nicholas Chance Niesen, Sarah (Jeremy) Logan, Alex (Stacey) Niesen, Ellyn Niesen and Natalie Niesen, thirteen great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

Virginia was also preceded in death by her three sisters, Eleanor Braciszewski, Joan Petersen and Isabelle Maternowski and by her two brothers, Floyd Krolczyk and Ted Krolczyk.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, January 13, 2017 at 11:00 AM at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend Richard Schaeffer celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Manistee.

Relatives and friends will pray the Evening Vigil Service on Thursday evening at 7:30 PM at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee, where friends may begin calling on Thursday afternoon after 2:00 PM. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Thursday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM, and on Friday morning from 10:00 AM until leaving for the church at 10:40 AM.

A memorial will be established in Virginia's name for Manistee Catholic Central Schools. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

**The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.**