

Stella Cecilia (Purgiel) Cooper, age 92 of Manistee, Michigan died Thursday, February 13, 2014 at the Manistee County Medical Care Facility. She was born on March 7, 1921 in Manistee, Michigan the daughter of the late Frank and Stella (Zatarga) Purgiel. Stella married Dale R. Cooper on May 30, 1941 at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. They had been married for over 65 years before Dale's death on September 16, 2006.

She was a communicant of Saint Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine Church and a member of the Saint Joseph Rosary Society both in Manistee. Stella enjoyed playing bingo, and along with her husband Dale worked on the bingo at Saint Mary's, for over twenty years.

Stella is survived by her daughter and son in-law, Kathleen and James Grabowski of Manistee, three sons and three daughters in-law, Marshall and Candi Cooper of Seattle, Washington and their three children, Cory and Marshall Cooper Jr, and Lani Milsap, Richard and Janalyn Cooper of Daytona Beach, Florida and their four children, Richard, Mary, Heather and Ryan Cooper, Dale Cooper Jr of Manistee, MI, and Nanette Cooper of Manistee and her two children, Jamie and Amber Cooper, and four great grandchildren. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dale R. Cooper, her son James E. Cooper, her grandson Christopher Grabowski, and three sisters, Mary Sielski, Sophie Adamski and Florence Switalski and by her three brothers, Joseph, Edward and Frank Purgiel.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 11:00 AM at Saint Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

Relatives, friends and the members of the Saint Joseph Rosary Society will pray the Rosary, Tuesday evening, February, 18, 2014 at 7:30 PM at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee, where the Evening Vigil Service will also be prayed at 8:00 PM. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Tuesday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

A Memorial will be established in Stella's name for the Catholic Community of Manistee. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. **The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.**