

**Shirley Virginia Mikula** age 87 of Manistee, Michigan died Friday evening, February 22, 2013 at the Manistee County Medical Care Facility. She was born July 22, 1925 in Detroit, Michigan and was the daughter of the late Edward C. and Irene L. (Kenney) Ziemba. She came to Manistee as a child with her parents in the early 1930's. Shirley was a graduate of Manistee High School with the class of 1943. She married Raphael T. Mikula on March 2, 1946 at Guardian Angel Catholic Church in Manistee. They had celebrated over 56 years of marriage together, before Raphael died on May 29, 2002. After her marriage Shirley was employed for ten years with the Michigan Bell Telephone Company as a telephone operator. She devoted her life to raising her family and caring for her home, she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, being in the outdoors, reading, working on word puzzles and her weekly, Sunday morning, breakfast dates with her family at the Bungalow Inn. She was a lady with a great sense of humor. She was a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church of Manistee.

Shirley is survived by two sons and daughters in-law, Lawrence "Larry" and Gloria Mikula of Brandon, Florida and Timothy and Yvonne Mikula of Manistee, MI, four grandchildren, Brad (Leslie) Mikula of Sumter, South Carolina, Kristin (Bud) Russell of Brandon, Florida, Kody Mikula and Dylan Mikula both of Manistee, MI, Three great grandchildren, Amber Rae Russell and Randy Lee Russell both of Brandon, Florida and Tyler Mikula of Sumter, South Carolina, her brother in-law, Wayne Zimmerman of New Berlin, Wisconsin, and her sister in-law, Carolyn Mikula of Manistee, MI. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

Shirley was also preceded in death by two sisters and a brothers in-law, Phidelas and Raymond Rogers and Beverly Zimmerman and her sister in-law and brother in-law Bernadine and Harold "Keno" Strzyzewski.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 12:00 Noon at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend Sylvestre Obwaka Celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee. The family will receive friends at the church on Thursday morning one hour prior to Shirley's funeral mass.

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