

**Ruth A. Niesen**, age 85 of Manistee, MI died early Thursday morning, October 17, 2013 at West Shore Medical Center in Manistee after a short illness.

She was born on October 10, 1928 in Manistee, Michigan daughter of the late Frank J. & Anna B. (Skiera) Steinberg. She was a graduate of the Pioneer class of St. Joseph High School's "class of 1947". Ruth married Zane G. Niesen on August 12, 1950 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. They have been married for over 63 years. In the 1950's she was employed with Michigan Bell Telephone Company as a phone operator, and after the telephone company, she was employed with Miller Pharmacy until her retirement. She enjoyed growing flowers and working in her yard. Her favorite eating establishment was Ponderosa. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, a member of the St. Joseph Rosary/Altar Society for over 50 years and a former Eucharistic Minister at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Zane G. Niesen of Manistee, MI, one son & daughter-in-law, Zane & Phyllis Niesen of Chelsea, MI, three grandchildren, Ashley, Kolton & Lanon all of Chelsea, MI, four sisters-in-law, Genevieve M. Steinberg, Evelyn Steinberg, Lois Mucha and Virginia Niesen. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Al, Ted and Gerald Steinberg and two sisters, Marion Steinberg and Marge Babbitt.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. The family will be at the church on Wednesday morning, one hour prior to Ruth's funeral mass to receive friends. Burial will take place at Mt. Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

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