

**Esther Stella Roskoski** died peacefully in her sleep on Saturday, February 26, 2011, at Munson Hospice House in Traverse City, at the age of 97. She was born May 29, 1913, in Manistee, Michigan, to the late Steven and Josephine (Waraczynski) Stypa.

The daughter of Polish immigrants, Esther was a very hard-working first generation American. She and her husband Stephen were the last owners and operators of Holsum Bakery in Manistee. After closing the bakery and retiring, she spent many hours crocheting afghan's and enjoying gardening. Esther lived in Manistee until 2009 when she moved to Traverse City and became a resident of the Grand Traverse Pavilions where she stayed until a week before her death.

Esther was preceded in death by her husband, Stephen P. Roskoski, her son, Conrad S. Roskoski, and all of her siblings and their spouses, including Renee (Walter) Lackey, Michael (Joanna) Stypa, twin brother Steven (Vivian) Stypa, Stanley (Margaret) Stypa, Gladys (Don) Rathbun, and several babies who died soon after childbirth.

Surviving Esther are her daughter and son-in-law, Arlene and Paul Brennan of Traverse City; daughter-in-law, Sharon Roskoski of Manistee; grandchildren, Julie (Keith) Froncek of Manistee and Richard (Maria) Ross of Atlanta, GA; two great-grandchildren, Matt Froncek and Nicole Froncek, one sister-in-law: Violet Rozmarek and a brother-in-law: Ted Sielski. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Thursday, March 3, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Shrine Church in Manistee with Rev. John McCracken celebrant. Final internment will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee. The family will receive friends at St. Mary's Church on Thursday morning, one hour prior to the Funeral Mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Traverse Health Clinic, 3155 Logan Valley Road, Traverse City, MI, 49684, or to the Munson Healthcare Foundation for the Munson Hospice House, 210 Beaumont Pl, Traverse City, MI 49684.

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