

Cecelia A. Stefanick (Sister Mary Emery CSSF) was born in Manistee, Michigan on December 3, 1943 and died November 8, 2017 from complications of a massive stroke in Livonia, Michigan.

She was raised in Manistee until the family moved to Lansing in 1953. She graduated from Everett High School and joined the Felician Sisters in 1961, becoming a licensed practical nurse (LPN) working at their infirmary. She later worked at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia as a Respiratory Therapist. Convent responsibilities included sewing habits, veils and other necessary garments in the vestry.



Sister Emery was caregiver from 1987 - 2008 for her elderly parents in Manistee. While there, she participated in choir at Guardian Angels Church, Manistee Community Choir, Catholic Community of Manistee Choir, Friendship Circle/Faith Formation for young adults and provided daily ministry at Guardian Angels Church.

Sister was predeceased by her parents, Emery and Elaine, and her brother Christopher. She is survived by her brother Mike (Karen) of Washington, Patrick (JoAnne) of Michigan, Joseph (Lynn) of Tennessee, John (Theresa) of Michigan, and sister Mary (Kimber) of Michigan, 18 nieces and nephews and several great nieces and nephews, and dear friends Kathleen Parcia and Kelly Niles.

Sister was loved by many in the community of Felician Sisters and the religious community of Manistee. Her family loved her and will miss her beyond words.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. Visitation with the family will start at 10:00 am. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am, followed by burial service at Mount Carmel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please send donation to Felician Sisters of Livonia, 36800 Schoolcraft Rd, Livonia, MI 48150.

Condolence cards can be sent to the family at 292 First St, Manistee 49660.