

Dorothy Ann Franckowiak age 86, of Manistee, Michigan, died Saturday morning, July 7, 2012 at the Birchwood Adult Foster Care Home in Manistee, where she has been a resident for the past two years.

She was born on January 14, 1926 in Manistee, Michigan and was the daughter of the late Emil and Anna (Bufka) Mentag. She was a graduate of Manistee High School with the Class of 1945. Dorothy married Richard E. Franckowiak on September 30, 1950 at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. They had enjoyed over fifty three years of marriage together, before Richard's death on October 28, 2003. Before her marriage Dorothy was employed at the Manistee Shoe Factory. After her marriage she devoted her life to raising her family and enjoyed spending time with her husband, children and grandchildren. Dorothy enjoyed watching the freighters arrive through the Manistee River, taking car rides through Manistee, going for coffee and luncheons with her friends and watching college basketball, especially being a big fan of the Duke "Blue Devils". She was an active member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church of Manistee.

Dorothy is survived by her daughter and son in-law: Ann and Bob Niedbala of Baroda, MI, and her son and daughter in-law: Michael and Karen Franckowiak of Manistee, MI, two grandchildren: Christopher Franckowiak of Novi, MI, and Jeffery Franckowiak of Lansing, MI, two brothers in-law and two sisters in-law: Stanley and Patricia Franckowiak, Lavern Franckowiak and Betty Merkey all of Manistee, MI. Several nieces and nephews also survive her.

Dorothy was also preceded in death by her infant son: John S. Franckowiak, her sister: Ruth Mentag and by her brother in-law: Edward Merkey.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 11:00 AM 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 Tuesday morning, one hour prior to the funeral mass.

A memorial will be established in Dorothy's name for Saint Joseph Catholic Church of Manistee. Envelopes are available at the funeral home and will be available at the church on Tuesday morning.

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