

Sophie H. Russell, age 94, of Manistee, Michigan died Thursday, February 7, 2013 at the Manistee County Medical Care Facility in Manistee.

She was born on April 6, 1918 in Manistee, Michigan daughter of the late Ernest & Mary (Kotecki) Bialik. Sophie married Cassmer H. Russell on August 14, 1943 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. He preceded her in death November 10, 1997. After her marriage and during WWII she was employed at the Morton Salt Company but most of her life was devoted to her husband and raising her family. Sophie loved spending time with her grandchildren. She also enjoyed gardening and cooking in her spare time. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Manistee.

She is survived by two sons & one daughter-in-law: Dennis Russell of Traverse City, MI and David & Cyndie Russell of Manistee, MI, two grandchildren; Meghan Russell and Braden Russell both of Grand Rapids, MI, her sister, Theresa Wishka of Grand Rapids, MI, and two sisters-in-law, Annetta Bialik and Lora Bialik both of Manistee, MI. Nieces and Nephews also survive her.

She was preceded in death in addition to her husband by twin daughters at birth, Mary & Ann Russell, two sisters, Virginia Helminski & Belle Kresnak and three brothers, Floyd Bialik, Edward Bialik and Leonard Bialik.

Mass from the Order of Christian funerals will be celebrated Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow in Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee. The family will be at the church on Wednesday afternoon one hour prior to the funeral mass to receive friends.

Memorials have been established in Sophie's name for St. Joseph Catholic Church and Manistee Catholic Central Athletic Association. Envelope will be available at the funeral home and also at the church on Wednesday morning.

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