



Dorothy Szukala

February 6, 1929 - February 6, 2012

CHICOPEE--Dorothy (Leszczynski) Szukala passed away peacefully on her eighty-third birthday, Monday, February 6, 2012 at Mercy Medical Center with her loving family by her side. Born on February 6, 1929, daughter of the late John and Alice (Faber) Leszczynski, she was a communicant of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr. A graduate of Chicopee High School, Dorothy retired from Dow-Jones, Inc. of Chicopee after more than thirty years of service. Previously she was a cafeteria worker in the Chicopee Public Schools. Dorothy was an avid reader and enjoyed gardening. She was hard working and spent her life caring for and helping others, especially the years of babysitting for all her grandchildren. Her loving kindness will always be remembered. She was predeceased in 2003 by her beloved husband of fifty-two years, Fred S. Szukala, and also predeceased by her sister, Ruth Snizek. Dorothy is survived by three loving children, Ellie S. Pagel and her husband William of Chicopee, John J. Szukala and his wife Susan of North Carolina, and Paul F. Szukala and his wife Tammy of Chicopee; seven cherished grandchildren, Melissa Pagel-Ryczek and her husband Steve of Ware, William J. Pagel and his wife Erin of Leominster, Hillary Cloud and her husband Andre of NC, Taryn Brooks and her husband Andy of NC, Colyn Szukala of NC, and Sarah and Nathan Szukala of Chicopee; her cherished great-granddaughter, Bella; her twin sister, Eleanor "Marion" Wolak of Springfield; and many nieces, nephews and grand-nephews. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 9 AM from the Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee, followed by a

Mass of Christian Burial at 10 AM in St. Stanislaus Basilica. Burial will follow in St. Stanislaus Cemetery. Calling hours are Friday from 4-7 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sandwich Ministry of St. Stanislaus Basilica, 566 Front St., Chicopee, MA 01013 or Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104.