



Stella Filipiak

October 30, 1925 - July 23, 2012

SPRINGFIELD-- Stella (Twardus) Filipiak, 86, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 23, 2012 at Willimansett Center West, with her loving family at her side. Born in West Springfield on October 30, 1925, daughter of the late Walenty and Caroline (Kulik) Twardus, she has resided in Springfield for the past fifty-five years. A graduate of West Springfield High School, Stella was a communicant of Holy Mother of the Rosary National Catholic Church in Chicopee, where she faithfully served as a worker and participant in all aspects of parish life, especially as a member of the United Womens' Society. Stella was an avid gardener and enjoyed crocheting, and in her younger years worked as a seamstress at the former F.W. Sickles Co. She and her husband Fred enjoyed their many years of polka dancing and the numerous friends they made. Stella is survived by her beloved husband of sixty-eight years, Ferdynand "Fred" Filipiak; four loving children, Deborah McGavin and her husband Timothy of Wakefield, Robert Filipiak of Chicopee, Ronald Filipiak and his wife Linda of Wethersfield, CT, and Richard Filipiak of West Springfield; seven cherished grandchildren, Kenneth, Cheryl, David and Jennifer Filipiak, and Kaitlyn, Meaghan and Shannon McGavin; her brother, Edward Twardus and his wife Eleanor of Newark, DE; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son, Frederick Filipiak Jr., and brothers, Joseph and Walter Twardus. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 9AM from the Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10AM in Holy Mother of the Rosary Church.

Burial will follow in the parish cemetery. Visiting hours are Friday from 4-7 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Mother of the Rosary Church, 26 Bell St., Chicopee, MA 01013.