



## Stella M. Shisler

July 29, 1923 - November 4, 2011

Stella M. Shisler, age 88, of Eckerman, Michigan went home to the Lord on Friday, November 4, 2011. Stella was born on July 29, 1923 in Maynard, Ohio to John and Catherine (Kowalczyk) Durda. Her father named her Stella meaning "star" and her mother named her Stacia meaning "resurrection." On January 19, 1963 she married her second husband Nelson "Gus" Shisler in Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Gus and Stella settled in Paradise, Michigan, where they owned and operated the Timber Trails Campground. Upon selling their campground, their love for snowmobiling drew them to become very active in promoting and lobbying for the development of the Snowmobile Trail Systems in the Eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan. She was very involved in the Michigan Snowmobile Association and she sold advertisements for the Michigan Snowmobile Magazine. Stella, a devout Catholic, was baptized at the Church of St. Stanislaus, and believed the only thing you could take out of this world is what you put into it. She enjoyed decorating the churches wherever she lived. She loved to travel the country and she loved God's natural beauty which drew her to pick and transplant flowers wherever she went. She loved to create decorative wreaths for her friends. Stella was known as a kind, caring, generous and somewhat stubborn person who liked to, as she would say, "tell it like it is." One thing you knew for sure was where you stood with her, and most people loved her for her candor and honesty. Stella was preceded in death by her two husbands, parents, and three sisters. She is survived by her cat "Sassy"; nieces and nephews; in addition to many

friends, some special friends were: Dee Smith, Cathy Harmon, Marie Goddard, Shirley Brown, Betty Wrinkler, Maria Perich, Bill (Lynda) Ferguson, Jim (Shirley) Stabile, Ronney Grobel, Francis Doering and Don (Kathy) Moore. Stella will be greatly missed by all. At her request, she wanted her cremated remains to be placed beside her beloved "Gus" with no services. Memorials may be directed to Our Lady of Victory Church in Paradise, Michigan. A special thank you to all those individuals who sent cards to Stella, and to Hiawatha Telephone Company, Cloverland Electric, Shute Oil Company, Methodist Church (Fish for Loaf), Shirley (Carl) Clark's staff at Paradise Berry Patch, Paradise Recreational Sports, Central Savings Bank, Judy from Judy and Company, Paradise Ambulance Corp. Newberry Hospital and Clinic, Marquette General Hospital and to all who visited and helped in her time of need. May God Bless All Of You.