

Dorothy C. Packo 1923-2011

February 28, 2011

NILES Dorothy C. Packo, 87, of Niles, passed away peacefully at her residence on Friday, Feb. 25, 2011, following a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's.

Dorothy was born July 20, 1923, in Youngstown the daughter of Tony and Mary DeMalio Tesone.

She was employed prior to her marriage by The People's Drug Store in downtown Youngstown, was a lay minister at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Niles, and was a nursing home volunteer. She was also a wonderful homemaker and enjoyed spending time with her family.

Her husband of 50 years, Frank Packo, whom she married Oct. 23, 1948, died April 8, 1998.

She leaves two daughters, Mary Littleton and her husband Bud of Niles and Jean Lewis and her husband Lew of Columbus; a brother, Dominic Tesone and his wife Dolly of Columbus; a sister, Pauline Suhar and her husband Steve, of Arizona; three grandchildren, Darrin Littleton and his wife Sonja, Brian Littleton and his wife Nikki, and Mary Lewis; and four great-grandchildren, Mason, Preston, Sydney and Tyler Littleton.

She is preceded in death by a sister, Josephine Williams.

There are no calling hours.

Memorial services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Niles with the Rev. Larry Frient officiating.

Friends and family can view this obituary, sign the guest book, and send e-mail condolences at www.josephrossifuneralhome.com.

Funeral for Dorothy C. Packo

Born: July 20 1923 Died: February 25, 2011 Age: 87

Memorial Mass: March 2, 2011

Gospel: John 15:9-12

Homily:

On behalf of the people of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, I extend condolences to everyone closest to Dorothy. We assure you of our compassionate thoughts and prayerful support.

It is so fitting that we commend Dorothy to the Lord here in this church. Years ago, she was very active here.

Dorothy's husband Frank was very involved with the Knights of Columbus here in Niles and she accompanied him as he participated in so many activities associated with the Knights. People have remarked about the goodness, sweetness, and friendly nature demonstrated by Frank and Dorothy when they were able to answer the call to serve their parish and community so well.

She brought Jesus to many when she was an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. Her compassion was extended to those who were in nursing homes.

Those closest to her knew Dorothy as a wonderful homemaker who truly enjoyed spending time with her family.

On behalf of the Church, I extend my support to members of her family who did so much to make sure Dorothy's needs were taken care of at home during the long battle with Alzheimer's disease. God bless you for your diligent and dedicated efforts through these difficult years.

The message proclaimed in the passage from Gospel of John chosen for this Memorial Mass brings out the farewell message Jesus shared with those closest to Him. He assured them of His love. He encouraged them to remain in His love all their days. He wanted them to know the fullness of joy.

We believe this morning that the Lord says these same words to us and speaks them through your memories of Dorothy. Christ wants you to be assured of the love she shared with you. Jesus wants you to know that your love for Dorothy is pleasing to Him. Our Savior wants us all to remember Dorothy's example of loving service and live the wisdom of His teachings.

May the Lord, who is able to give new life, enable Dorothy to be with Frank, Josephine, and so many other loved ones who have completed life's journey. May He guide us all our days and enable us to remain in His love.