

Sophie Kubala

MIAMI, FLA. — KUBALA – Sophie, 95, Miami, Fla., formerly of Central City, passed from this life May 28, 2010. Born Jan. 22, 1915, in Windber, daughter of Nicholas and Catherine (Mitza) Sobeck. Preceded in death by parents; beloved husband, Walter Kubala, who died Dec. 30, 1961; and sisters, Mary Ference, Rose Demko and Anna Golian; and brother, Peter Sobeck. Survived by loving children, Genevieve, and husband, Joseph Stine, Miami, Fla.; Frank, and wife, Janet (Foltin), Kentucky; Walter, and wife, Patricia (Kelly), Ohio; and Father Daniel, Miami, Fla. Also survived by nine grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Also survived by siblings, Katherine Reinholtz, Hazel Park, Mich.; Nellie Kubala, Willow Street, Pa.; John, married to Iola Jessewin, Royal Oak, Mich.; and Stella, Willow Street, Pa.; and numerous nieces and nephews. Sophie was a devoted member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, Central City, now renamed Our Lady Queen of Angels. Past president of Ladies Catholic Council and PNA Lodge. She was a leader actively helping and directing many church activities over decades of involvement. Sophie was chosen to receive Holy Communion from Pope John Paul II during his 1987 visit to the United States. She made a pilgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land. In 2003, Sophie, at the age of 88, made a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity in Santiago, Cuba, for the 200th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Santiago. She enjoyed cooking, baking and sewing, even to her very last days. She was most happy when she was able to share what she had made with others. Family will receive relatives and friends from 10 a.m. until time of concelebrated funeral Mass at noon Friday, June 4, at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church, Central City, Presiding Bishop John Noonan, auxiliary bishop of Miami; Sophie's son, Father Daniel Kubala, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, South Miami, Fla.; Father Arthur Dennison, pastor of Little Flower Church, Coral Gables, Fla.; and Father Joseph Maurizio, pastor of Our Lady Queen of Angels Church, Central City. Burial will be at Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery, next to her husband and parents. In lieu of flowers, friends who wish may make contributions directly to Father Pilz Memorial Chapel Fund, 738 Sunshine Ave., Central City, Pa. 15926, in Sophie's memory. Funeral arrangements by Mulcahy Funeral Home, Central City.