

Ellen Melania Fraga Assessor

Ellen Melania Fraga Assessor, the 5th child of Martina & Valeriano Fraga, was born on January 11, 1922. At a young age, she worked in the barn milking the cows and in the fields cultivating the crops. Her dad, Valeriano, loved to have her helping him when he saw how strong and good natured she was, and how she never got angry. This arrangement continued until a cow kicked her, knocking her into the cow pit. After that, her brothers talked to their dad and told him that they were old enough to work on the farm. So Ellen went to work in the house, helping her mother.

After she finished high school, she left the farm in Imlay City and went to work in the city of Detroit. She did secretarial work, and she was good at bookkeeping. Later she did tax returns for a number of people. Ellen and her sisters rented a house next door to Ambrose's house on Cooper St. That is how they met. They were married on August 31, 1946.

Their daughter, Cathy, was born on June 22, 1947. Ellen always took good care of her daughter, and showed her support in whatever she did.

Cathy & Harold Stone were married on June 8, 1973. Ellen's favorite role came as grandma to Krysta and Wendy. She loved spending time with them, and was so proud of them.

Ellen was always a hard worker who didn't complain, and was very reliable in whatever she did. She was known in her family for her ever present smile. Ellen was happily married for 28 years when her dear husband, Ambrose, died suddenly of a cerebral hemorrhage at the age of 59. After Ambrose passed, Ellen went back to work in the bakery of Farmer Jack's. She continued to look after Ambrose's sisters & brother, and stayed close with her sisters & brothers.

Ellen passed away during open heart surgery on September 24, 1998 at the age of 76. She was a wonderful sister, sister-in-law, mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend—always generous, kind, thoughtful, faithful, and loving.