

M. Mercedes Villagomez, 100, of Decatur died at her residence Tuesday, February 5, 2013. Mercedes was born on September 24, 1912 in Salamanca Gto, Mexico to the late John and Isabel (Gutierrez) Ortiz. On December 25, 1935 she married Anisceto Villagomez. He preceded her in death on May 31, 1986.

Mercedes was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church and its Rosary Society. She was also a homemaker and was a Spanish interpreter for Judge Myles Parrish and a Den Mother for Cub Scout Troop #64.

Survivors include two sons Gerald (Alice) Villagomez and Roy (Lorraine) Villagomez both of Decatur, IN; five daughters Pauline Medrano of Ft. Wayne, IN, Alice Jean Escamilla of Ft. Wayne, IN, Shirley Laguna of Decatur, IN, Isabelle (Joel) Lehrman of Monroeville, IN and Rosemarie Villagomez of Decatur, IN; a brother Louie (Theresa) Ortiz of New Lenox, IL; 25 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by 4 children, a brother and 4 sisters.

Visitation will be from 10:00-1:00 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013 at St. Mary's Parish Hall with a reciting of the Holy Rosary at 10:00 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 1:00 p.m. at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church. Father Patrick Joseph will be presiding and burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic School.

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