

Nancy K. (Gamache) Bajtka, age 78 of Manistee, Michigan died early Tuesday morning, March 13, 2012 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, Michigan.

She was born on September 8, 1933 in Manistee, Michigan daughter of the late Vernon & Corrinne (Scott) Gamache. She was a graduate of Manistee High School class of 1951. Nancy married Theodore "Peanuts" Kamaloski on September 29, 1951 at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Manistee. He preceded her in death on May 7, 1954. Nancy then married David J. Bajtka on December 31, 1955 at St. Joseph Catholic Church also in Manistee. After High School Nancy was employed with Consumers Power Company and later was employed by Sears Catalog Store for thirty years. During her lifetime, Nancy also had her own cake decorating business and offered classes in cake decorating. She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren and doing crafts of all kinds. She especially enjoyed knitting and crocheting. Nancy's favorite "getaway" spot was her cottage on Big Bass Lake in Irons.

She is survived by her husband David J. Bajtka of Manistee, MI, three daughters & two sons-in-law: Deborah (Kamalowski) Day and Lori & Mark Sniogowski all of Manistee, MI and Melissa & William Jewell of Ludington, MI, a daughter-in-law: Helen Kamaloski & Fiance Randall Webb of Manistee, MI, her son-in-law: Robert W. Bernatche of Manistee, MI; seven grandchildren: Bradley (Kaci) Kamaloski, Scott Kamaloski & his fiancé Cassandra Kovalcik, Matthew & Christopher Day, Travis (Tarah) Bernatche, Sarah Jewell & Kevin Jewell and three great grandchildren: Kaleigh Kamaloski, Richard T. Kamaolski and Gavin Jewell; two sisters & brothers-in-law: Laurie & Donald Kosiboski and Mary & Stanley Skocelas Jr., two brothers & one sister-in-law: Scott & Joan Gamache and Gregory Gamache all of Manistee, MI; one aunt: Mary Ellen "Dee Dee" Smogoleski of Manistee, MI. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

She was preceded in death in addition to her parents by a daughter, Susan "Byrd" Bernatche and her son Richard A. Kamaloski.

Mass from the Order of Christian funerals will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 17, 2012 at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine Church in Manistee with Reverend James Bearss celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also of Manistee.

Relatives and friends will pray the Evening Vigil Service at 8:00 p.m. on Friday evening at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee, where friends may begin calling on Friday evening after 6:00 p.m. The family will be at the funeral home on Friday from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday morning from 10:00 a.m. until leaving for the Church at 10:40 a.m. to receive friends.

Memorials have been established in Nancy's name for St. Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine Church and the American Cancer Society. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.