

Maxine J. Barch, age 81 of Grant Township, Michigan, died Saturday, April 19, 2014 at West Shore medical center in Manistee. She was born on January 14, 1933 in Filer City, Michigan and was the daughter of the late John and Ella (Schubring) Schweitzer. Maxine married Edward F. Barch Jr. on June 5, 1954 at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. She was a devoted, wife, mother and grandmother, who also enjoyed gardening, crocheting, knitting, watching the birds in her yard from her deck, watching Molly B Polka music and dancing on her TV via her Satellite Dish. Maxine was also an avid Detroit Tiger and Piston fan. In her younger years she enjoyed playing bingo. Maxine loved her pets, especially her special companion "Harley".

She is survived by her husband of almost 60 years; Edward F. Barch Jr. of Grant Township, three sons and a daughter in-law; Richard and Kelly Barch and Robert Barch all of Manistee, and Jack Barch of Grant Township, her grandchildren; Brandon Barch of Mason City, Iowa and Tiffany Barch of Manistee, one sister and brother in-law; Betty and Clarence Schultz both of Manistee. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

She was also preceded in death by four sisters; Janice Stamp, Marjorie Nice, Nancy Wise, Phyllis Raspotnik and by an infant sister, and by two brothers; John and Roger Schweitzer.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning, April 23, 2014 at 10:00 AM at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken officiating. Burial will follow at the Grant Township Cemetery in Freesoil.

The family will receive friends at the Herbert Funeral Home on Tuesday evening from 6:00 to 9:00 PM and on Wednesday morning, one hour prior to the funeral service. **The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.**