

Eleanore P. Kolanowski, age 90, of Manistee, Michigan died, Friday afternoon, August 31, 2012 at West Shore Medical Center in Manistee.

She was born September 15, 1921 in Victory Township of Mason County, Michigan the daughter of the late Anton and Rose (Rakowski) Krusniak. Eleanore married Edward A. Kolanowski on June 14, 1947 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. He preceded her in death on March 13, 1979.

As a young adult, she worked at a creamery in Scottville and also worked as a nanny. When Eleanore moved to Manistee, she worked at Hardy Salt, the garment factory and the Hillside Motel. Eleanore was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Manistee and a strong supporter of Manistee Catholic Central. Eleanore's family was first and foremost in her life. She devoted her time and energy to nurture and support them. Her hobbies included sewing, crocheting, cooking and drawing.

Surviving are her children; Karen (Arthur) Fredericks of Mt. Pleasant, Mary (George) Thayer of Grand Rapids, Edward (Christine) Kolanowski of Manistee, Cynthia (Ron) Netsky of Rochester, New York, and Linda (Kenneth) Kuk of Big Rapids. She is survived by ten grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She is also survived by two brothers Leonard (Connie) Krusniak and Adolph (Gladys) Krusniak and sister-in-law Frances (Stanley) Kolanowski all of Manistee. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

In addition to her husband and parents, Eleanore was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Mark DesCamp, and grandson John D. Shumaker, her sister Susan (Edmund) Rakoniewski and nephew David Rakoniewski.

Eleanore's family would like to thank the loving and caring people at Green Acres Assisted Living and West Shore Medical center.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

An evening vigil service will be held at 8:00 p.m. this evening (Tuesday), September 4, 2012 at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee. The family will be at the funeral home today (Tuesday) from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. to receive friends.

Memorials will be established in Eleanore's name for the Catholic Community of Manistee and for Manistee Catholic Central Schools. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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