

Rose M. Wittlieff, age 80, of Stronach, Michigan died Tuesday morning, March 25, 2014 at the Manistee County Medical care Facility, surrounded by her family.

She was born on January 15, 1934 in Stronach, Michigan, daughter of the late James A. and Irene A. (Meade) Skocelas. Rose married Neil R. Wittlieff on June 18, 1955 at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. Neil preceded Rose in death on November 17, 1989. She enjoyed spending time with her family and siblings. She had a special interest in bowling, having been a longtime member with the women's bowling league as well as the mixed bowling league, having traveled to many bowling tournaments during her bowling career. Her other interest included playing cards with family and friends, playing horse shoes, watching classic movies, baking and being a "Detroit Tigers" fan. Rose was a member of the Catholic Community of Manistee (Saint Joseph Catholic Church)

She is survived by two sons and two daughter's in-law, Alan and Melody Wittlieff of Manistee, MI, and Keith and Tina Wittlieff of Castle Rock, CO, five grandchildren: Leah (Don) Miller, Sara (Jake) Turkett all of Manistee, MI, Noah Olli and Jake Olli both of Grand Rapids, MI, and Sommer Olli of Madison, WI, six great grandchildren; Madison, Gabe, Emma and Autumn Miller, Payden Turkett and Christian Olli, Four sisters and three brothers in-law; Charlotte and Clarence Janowiak, and Jackie Mantych all of Manistee, MI, Marie and Jack Martineau and Phyllis and Bernie Henion all of Ludington, MI, three brothers and four sisters in-law: Jerry and Renee Skocelas of Muskegon, MI, Mike and Tracey Skocelas of Brethren, MI, Robert and Judy Skocelas of East Lake, MI, and Judy Skocelas of Biloxi, Mississippi. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

Rose was also preceded in death by two sisters; Audrey Skocelas and Kathleen Skocelas, her brother; Ben Skocelas and her brother in-law; Duane Mantych.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Saturday, March 29, 2014 at 11:00 AM at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee. The family will receive friends at the church on Saturday morning, one hour prior to Rose's funeral mass.

Memorials will be established in Rose's name for the Catholic Community of Manistee and for the Manistee County Medical Care Facility. Envelopes will be available at the church on Saturday morning.

The Herbert funeral home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.