

**Valeria M. Oleniczak**, age 91 of Manistee, Michigan, passed away Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at the Manistee County Medical Care Facility.

The daughter of Casimer and Mary (Kott) Lijewski, Valeria was born on April 3, 1925, in Manistee. As a young woman, Vi worked at the Manistee Shoe Factory. On October 8, 1949 she married Richard H. Oleniczak at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee where she remained a communicant. He preceded her in death on December 31, 2008. In the 1960's and early 70's, she and her husband operated Oak Hill Service where she did the daily bookkeeping. Vi was a wonderful cook. She loved crossword puzzles, word searches, and most of all her grandchildren. She enjoyed bingo and working on picture puzzles during her time at the Medical Care.

A devoted wife, mother and grandmother, she will be dearly missed by her daughter and son in-law, Barbara and Wayne Bernier, her son, Robert "Bob" Oleniczak and his wife Jean Ann all of Manistee, and her three grandchildren, Paul Bernier (Jackie Howe) of Manistee, Sarah Bernier of Lake City, and Kaitlin Oleniczak of Manistee. Also surviving are her brother and sister in-law, Ray and Joan Lijewski and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Floyd and Mary Oleniczak all of Manistee and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her three sisters, Gertrude Manthei Engwall, Cecilia Nowak and Lucille Lind and by three brothers, Frank, Florian and Adam Lijewski.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend Peter Wigton celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee

Relatives and friends will pray the Evening Vigil Service on Monday evening at 7:00 PM at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee, where friends may begin calling after 6:00 PM. The family will be at the funeral home to receive friends, on Monday June 13, 2016, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM and on Tuesday morning from 10:00 AM until leaving for the church at 10:40 AM.

Memorials have been established in Vi's name for the Alzheimer's Association and the National Kidney Foundation. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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