



Rosalyn (Rose) Sweigart, age 78 of Manistee, passed away peacefully Wednesday morning, May 11, 2016 at Munson Hospice House in Traverse City.

Born Rosalyn Marie Thompson in Manistee on May 7, 1938, she was the daughter of the late Arthur and Margaret (Kenny) Thompson. She was married to Douglas Paul Sovey, who preceded her in death on August 9, 1967. On December 4, 1970 she was united in marriage to David Victor Sweigart. He preceded her in death on November 18, 2008.

Rose was born and raised in Manistee, and after marriage moved over 20 different times across the country. Upon retirement, she came back to Manistee, which she always called home.

She was an active member of the Manistee Lions Club, serving as president twice. She was a part of the renovation of the First Street Beach pavillion and cabanas. She was an active fund-raiser for the Lions Club and a great asset at the garage sales and annual Fish Boil.

Rose loved to travel, garden and visit with family and friends. She always made people feel at home. Her cheerful, positive attitude attracted everyone to her. Her nickname 'Rosie' was fitting to her outlook on life. She will be greatly missed by many.

Rose is survived by her step son, David Victor (Debra) Sweigart II of Atlanta, GA, by her step daughter, Amanda Zandbergen of Grandville, MI; by her grandchildren, Mandi (Brandon) Byker, Zachary & Zandberger, Jason Arz and Julie Klerek; by her sister, Margaret Moser of Manistee and by several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husbands, Rose was also preceded in death by a son Douglas P. Sovey, by two brothers, Dale & Tom Thompson and by two infant sons and an infant daughter.

A Memorial Mass from the Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Saturday, May 21st at 11:00 a.m. at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Manistee with Rev. Scott Lawler celebrant. Final interment will be in Mount Carmel Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to the service, starting at 10:00 a.m. A luncheon will follow Mass.

The family suggests that those wanting to remember Rose consider a gift in her memory to the Manistee Lions Club.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation of Manistee. [www.johnson-funeral-home.com]