Mary Jane Anderson, 77 of Manistee, passed away Sunday, November 7, 2010 at her home, following a short illness.

She was born September 8, 1933 in Grand Rapids, the daughter of the late Jack and Catherine (McPhilamy) Hogan. On August 15th 1954, Mary Jane graduated from Mercy Central School of Nursing in Grand Rapids. She worked as an RN in Kalamazoo, Cadillac and at the former Mercy Community Hospital here in Manistee. On June 4, 1955 she was united in marriage to Doug Anderson.

She was a communicant of Guardian Angels Catholic Church and the Holy Family Society of the church. She had also been a member of Manistee Golf and Country Club, the Elks, the Bridge Club and most recently the "Coffee Ladies Group". She also loved reading, sewing, and to travel, especially to visit family in Ireland.

Mary Jane is survived by her husband of 56 years, Doug; by her children, Paul Anderson of Manistee and his children Tyler and Reed, Melissa (Kevin) Gregory of Colorado and their children, John and Elyse, and David (Laurie) Anderson of Midland and their children Corey and Kiara; by her brothers Jim (Betty) of Montana, Dan (Jean) of Manistee, John (Hope) of Manistee and as she liked to say her "other brother John" (Terrance) of Houghton Lake. There is great love among the 5 siblings, but she knew she was a rose among the thorns. She is also survived and by numerous and well loved nieces and nephews, and her favorite Grand dog, Yeti.

In addition to her parents, Mary Jane was also preceded in death by her son, John Allan Anderson in 1994.

A memorial mass from the Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Thursday morning, November 11th at 11:00 a.m. at Guardian Angels Catholic Church with Rev. John McCracken, celebrant.

Friends may call at the Johnson Funeral Home on Wednesday evening from 7 to 8 p.m., where the evening prayers will be prayed at 8:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests those wanting to remember Mary Jane consider a gift in her memory to either Guardian Angels Catholic Church or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Johnson Funeral Home of Manistee.