

Verna M. Cogswell, age 87 of Manistee, MI died Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at the Manistee County Medical Care in Manistee.

She was born on January 6, 1923 in Stronach, Michigan, daughter of the late John Gajewski and Jenny (Jados) Holowinski. Verna married Frederick "Fred" Cogswell on June 1, 1946 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. He preceded her in death on August 17, 1993. She was employed at the Glen of Michigan for many years until she began raising her family. Verna was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Manistee.

She is survived by one daughter & son-in-law; Mary Jane & Robert A. Owens of Perrysburg, OH, one son; Dennis Cogswell of Manistee, MI, four grandchildren and their spouses; Troy & Amy Owens of Toledo, OH, Brian & Melissa Owens of Perrysburg, OH, Hope Cogswell of Sand Lake, MI and David & Corrine Cogswell of Summerset, KY, one great grandson, Cameron Miller of Sand Lake, MI, her brother, Harry Gajewski of Manistee, MI and her sister & brother-in-law; Rose Ann & Kenneth Schwass of Freesoil, MI. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Ann Marie Cogswell, her stepfather, Stanley Holowinski and two sisters, Genevieve Golembiewski and Joan Witkowski.

Mass from the Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Monday, January 25, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Manistee.

An Evening Vigil Service will be prayed Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m. at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee where friends may begin calling Sunday afternoon, after 2:00 p.m. The family will be at the funeral home on Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM to receive friends.

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