

**Ruth E. (Gunnensen) Marshall Dankowski**, age 80, of Manistee, Michigan died early Friday morning, June 22, 2012 at West Shore Medical Center in Manistee.

She was born March 31, 1932 in Manistee, MI, daughter of the late Oluf H. & Margaret C. (Pomeroy) Gunnensen. Ruth attended Guardian Angels School and Manistee High School. She was employed at the Heights Care Center and also Manistee Medical Care Facility. Ruth was a kind and compassionate caregiver to many. She reached out with her involvement in in-home-health care where she took exceptional care of her clients and reveled in the joys that they brought to her life. She was attentive to the needs of her clients and offered help and support to many sick, disabled or dependent individuals. Her doors were always open. She extended great concern and accommodations to her family, friends and clients with love and acceptance.

Ruth enjoyed sharing her time, talent and keen eye for detail in her work with ceramics and china painting. She also was well crafted in knitting and sewing. She enjoyed jigsaw puzzles. Ruth had a great love for the outdoors. She took great pleasure in indulging in nature with activities of camping and gardening.

Ruth is survived by her children and their spouses, Roger & Traci Marshall of Newaygo, MI, James & Becky Marshall of Muskegon, MI, Jonathon Marshall of Manistee, MI, Bryan & Tammy Marshall of Eastlake, MI, Susan & John Hubatch of Milwaukee, WI, Steven Marshall of Wyoming, MI, Michael Marshall of Texas, Edwin Bishop of Thompson, MI and Margaret & Todd Shoemate of Manistee, MI; 25 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; 4 sisters & 2 brothers-in-law, Janet & Ned Nielsen of Wisconsin, Margie Morang of Freesoil, MI, Kay & Charles Hipakka and BeeZee Guenthardt both of Manistee, MI. Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins also survive her.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by 3 sisters, Marian Fortier, Georgeanna Golmare and Alice Snyder; 1 brother, Bill Gunnensen. Leroy Marshall and David Dankowski also preceded her in death.

Funeral services and a celebration of Ruth's life take place at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, June 28, 2012 at Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee with Rev. John McCracken officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday evening at the Herbert Funeral Home.

The family will also be at the funeral home one hour prior to time of service Thursday to receive friends.

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