

Bernadine J. Fortier, age 87 of Manistee, MI died Sunday evening, July 2, 2017 at St. Ann's Care Home in Grand Rapids, MI. She was born April 5, 1930 in Ashland, WI, daughter of the late Joseph & Anna (Kozacik) Brandis. She was a graduate of Iron River High School. Bernadine married Earl Dennis Fortier on November 24, 1950 at St. Gall's Catholic Church in Milwaukee, WI. He preceded her in death on March 19, 1989.

Bernadine owned and operated Frost Road Adult Foster Care Home. She also shared her time and caregiving talents with Friends Who Care of Manistee. She enjoyed painting, gardening and reading. She was a member of Divine Mercy Parish of Manistee, and attended Guardian Angels Catholic Church.

Bernadine is survived by two sons & daughters-in-law, Michael & Deanna Fortier of Granger, IN and Philip & Shelly Fortier of Shelby, MI; two daughters & one son-in-law, Julie & Alan Swanson of Belmont, MI and Teri Germani of Grand Rapids, MI; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

In addition to her parents and husband Earl, she was preceded in death by six brothers, Joseph, John, Andrew, Stanley, Edward and Frank Brandis and three sisters, Julia Doleys, Emily Washnieski and Helen Kolanowski and son-in-law Steve Germani.

According to her wishes, cremation has taken place. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM on Monday, July 10, 2017 at Divine Mercy Parish - St. Joseph Catholic Church of 254 6<sup>th</sup> St. in Manistee with Rev. Richard Schaeffer celebrant. Burial will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

A Rosary Service will be prayed at 7:30 PM Sunday at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee where the family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the funeral home. The family will also be present at the church on Monday morning one hour prior to Bernadine's Funeral Mass to receive friends.

A memorial has been established in Bernadine's name for St. Ann's Home or Emmanuel Hospice, 2161 Leonard St. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504. Envelopes are available at the funeral home and will be available at the church on Monday morning.

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