

Catherine M. Gauthier, age 98 of Manistee, Michigan, died early Wednesday morning, May 8, 2013 at the Manistee County Medical Care Facility. She was born December 15, 1914 in Chicago, Illinois daughter of the late Andrew and Mary (Slaga) Speck.

Catherine married Anthony J. Helminiak Sr. on August 3, 1935 at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. He preceded her in death on October 7, 1974. She later married Felix S. Gauthier on February 18, 1977 in Manistee at the Saint Joseph Catholic Church Chapel. Felix preceded her in death on July 16, 2001. She had been employed as an Examiner at the Glen of Michigan Factory in Manistee most of her life. Catherine was a member of Saint Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine Catholic Church of Manistee. She enjoyed reading and flower gardening.

She is survived by her son and daughter in-law, Anthony and Mary Ellen Helminiak Jr, two daughters and two sons in-law, Joanne and Thomas Veine, and Joyce and Avery Kaplan all of Manistee, MI, ten grandchildren, and eleven great grandchildren, two sisters, Stella Kulpit, and Rose Marie Vilutis both of Chicago, IL. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

Catherine was also preceded in death by her son Robert Helminiak, her son in-law, Gerald Grabowski, her grandson Brian Grabowski, Five brothers, Joseph, John, George, Peter, and Michael Speck and by her sister Frances Freeman.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Saturday, May 11, 2013 at 10:00 AM at Saint Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Onkama, Michigan.

Relatives and friends will pray the Evening Vigil Service at 8:00 PM, on Friday evening, May 10, 2013, at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM and on Saturday morning from 9:00 AM until the time of leaving for the church at 9:40 AM. **The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.**