

Donna Karine Gumienny, age 73 of Manistee, Michigan, entered into the hands of Jesus, Sunday, November 18, 2012 at Orchard Hill Care Center in Brethren, MI.

She was born on February 11, 1939 in Bear Lake, Michigan daughter of the late Alfred August & Ruth Marie (Kortright) Schultz. She married Larry D. Gumienny on September 27, 1958 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. He preceded her in death on January 11, 2008.

While growing up in southern Michigan, she spent summers in Bear Lake with her sister Shirley and grandparents, Robert & Mary Petersen. Donna attended elementary school in Benton Harbor and Bear Lake. She then attended middle school in Benton Harbor where she was also high school graduate. After high school, she took a secretarial position at the Clark Equipment Plant in East Lake. After meeting and marrying her husband Larry, Karine took on the role as homemaker and devoted her time and love to raising 5 boys all on her own. Once her boys were grown, she re-entered the work force. She assumed several positions in the Manistee area, working for the family owned White Star Tavern, Hramor Nursery and eventually retiring from Custom Packaging in 2004. She was an attendant of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Manistee and she had a strong devotion to her faith in God and in the Church. Her number one passion in life was spending quiet, intimate moments with her family as she shied away from the social scene for the most part. Karine was a private and introverted individual but was best known by her closest acquaintances for her friendly and kind nature and her honest, genuine and sincere attitude towards everyone with whom she interacted.

She is survived by her 5 beloved sons: Andrew (Andrea) Gumienny of Grandville, MI, Lawrence Gumienny, Gregory (Lynn) Gumienny all of Manistee, MI, Bryan Gumienny of Stronach, MI and Jeffrey Gumienny of Manistee, MI; 9 grandchildren, Michael, Scott, Jack, Tyler, Hunter & Kyle Gumienny, Melissa Gilman, John and Jamie Parker; 4 great-grandchildren; 3 sisters-in-law; 2 brothers-in-law and several great -nieces & nephews. Her friends and caregivers, Robin, Kelly, Sam, Jessica, Misty and Debra also survive her.

In addition to her parents and husband Larry of 49 years, she was preceded in death by her sister, Shirley M. (Schultz) Probst and brother, Wayne Schultz.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 24, 2012 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. Burial will take place immediately following the funeral Mass in Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Friday evening, November 23, 2012 at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee where friends may begin calling Friday evening after 6:00 PM.

A Memorial has been established in Donna's name for the Michigan Alzheimer's Association – Great Lakes Chapter. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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