

Jean Frances (Burns) Gutowski age 75 of Manistee, Michigan made her heavenly journey home early Saturday morning, September 22, 2012 at the Manistee County Medical Care Facility, surrounded by her children and grandchildren. She was born March 20, 1937 in Frankfort, Michigan and was the daughter of the late Edgar and Dorothy (Kirchmeyer) Burns. Jean was united in marriage to David Carl Gutowski on September 3, 1955 at Saint Ann's Catholic Church in Frankfort, Michigan. David preceded her in death on March 30, 1998. Jean enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren, working on jigsaw puzzles and doing crossword puzzles. She also liked to knit and made many pairs of mittens for five-cap's needy children. She was a member of Saint Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine Church of Manistee, and a past member of the Manistee Catholic Central Mom's Club and the Catholic Daughters of America Court Manistee #496.

Her greatest joy was her family who survives. Her children; Elaine (Robert R. D.) Morehouse of Manistee, MI, Alice Snyder of Manistee, MI, John Gutowski and Sheryl of Ludington, MI, David (Linda) Gutowski of Manistee, MI, Mark (Kathy) Gutowski of Lansing, MI, Robert Gutowski and Debbie of Manistee, MI, Patty Saugie of Manistee, MI, and Jeannie (Chuck) Carver of Bear Lake, MI, her grandchildren, Jamie (Mat) Johnson, Jarrod Stuttman and Victoria, Fae Gibson, Alexander Gutowski and Sara, Ashley (Kris) Sensabaugh, Brandon Saugie, Mark Saugie and Kara, Rebecca Knudsen, Tyler Knudsen, Sarah (John) Gokee, Samantha Carver and Dylan, Slade Carver, Sangie Carver, Chris Morehouse, Debra (Chad) Swisher, Joy Boss, Jason Gutowski and Alan Bystrom, her great grandchildren, Neven Johnson, Tatum Gibson, Chloe Sensabaugh, Odin Saugie, Jaron Saugie, Aiden Boss, Damon Boss, Matthew Morehouse, Rhonda Owen, Kayla Owen, Cassie Bentzler as well as three more due soon, and one great – great grandson, Aurora Gokee, her sister and brother in-law, Evelyn and Harley Thies of Muskegon, MI, her brothers and sisters in-law, Jerry and Diane Burns of Manistee, MI, and Jim and Kathy Burns of Benzonia, MI, Chuck and Rose Burns and Bill and Lucy Burns all of Frankfort, MI, her sisters in-law, Phyllis Hansen, Alice Maidens and Julie Johnson. Several nieces, nephews and cousins also survive her as well as her faithful companion, her cat Sara - Beth.

Jean was also preceded in death by her great grandson Harper Gibson, her sister Betty Hamilton, her brothers in-law and sister in-law, Robert and Mildred Gutowski, James Hansen and James Johnson and her daughters fiancée Leon Sherman.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 11:00 at Saint Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken Celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

The Evening Vigil Service will be prayed on Wednesday evening, September 26, 2012 at 8:00 PM at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee, where friends may begin calling Wednesday evening after 6:00 PM. The family will be at the funeral home on Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 9:00 PM to receive friends.

Memorials will be established in Jean's name for Saint Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine Church of Manistee and for the American Cancer Society. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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