

Evelyn J. Hansen, age 93, of Manistee passed away peacefully Monday morning, January 12, 2015 at Bauer House AFC.



Evelyn Joan Pepera was born in Manistee on January 28, 1921, the daughter of Joseph and Victoria (Zupan) Pepera. She was a graduate of Manistee High School - Class of 1940. On May 29, 1944 she was united in marriage to Charles David 'Red' Hansen at Guardian Angels Catholic Church. He preceded her in death on November 16, 1991.

She had worked as an operator for Michigan Bell for several years, but dedicated most of her life to raising her family. She was a communicant of Guardian Angels Catholic Church and was a former member of the Altar Society. She had also been a volunteer with the Manistee Area Literacy Council. She was an avid reader and loved to cook and make pastries. She was known to be seen walking daily and enjoyed ice skating and square dancing.

Evelyn is survived by her children, Gabriel Hansen of Acworth, GA, Davalyn Kafka of Howell, Eve Hansen of Manistee, Patricia Hansen of Interlochen, Kristen (Brian) Genslack of Rochester and Mari (Michael) Simeck of Lake Forest, IL; her grandchildren, Brook, Autumn, Paige, Joseph, Gabriene, Emily, Adam, Sophia, Gabrielle, Max & Lilia and by four great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Marianne Hornby of Deerfield Beach, FL, by a daughter-in-law, Paula Hansen of the Dominican Republic and by several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her husband, Evelyn was also preceded in death by a son, Charles, by a brother, Gabriel Pepera and by sisters Pauline Pepera, Genevieve McNit and Virginia Last.

A Memorial Mass from the Order of Christian Funeral will be celebrated Saturday, January 17th at 11:00 a.m. at Guardian Angels Catholic Church with Rev. John McCracken, celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the church Saturday morning, starting at 10 a.m. and at a lunch following at the St. Joseph Parish Center.

The family suggests that those wanting to remember Evelyn consider a gift in her memory to the Manistee County Library.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation of Manistee. [www.johnson-funeral-home.com]