

Gladys P. "Babe" Kissel, age 90, of Manistee, Michigan, died Sunday, December 7, 2014 at West Shore Medical Center in Manistee surrounded by her loving family.

She was born August 29, 1924 in Manistee, daughter of the late Vernor & Helen (Kaczmarek) Adolphson. She was a graduate of Manistee High School with the Class of 1942. Gladys married Robert W. Kissel on March 11, 1944 in Manistee. They celebrated over 49 years of marriage together until he preceded her in death on March 8, 1990.

Gladys was employed as a seamstress for the Glen of Michigan and also Chippewa Garment Factory in Manistee. She was also employed as a dispatcher at the Manistee Dial-A-Ride up until her retirement. She was a member of Guardian Angels Catholic Church of Manistee and was a volunteer at the Manistee County Medical Care Facility for over 30 years. She was also an active member of the Manistee Elks Lodge #250. Gladys loved to bowl. She was an avid and active bowler, bowling well up into her late 80's. She was the secretary of the Pin Spillers Bowling League for many years and was also inducted into the Manistee Bowling Hall of Fame.

Gladys is survived by her children, Roberta (Bernard) Ware of Interlochen, MI; Deborah (Mike) Fortin of Hoxeyville, MI and Brian Kissel of Manistee, MI; 9 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild also survive her.

In addition to her parents and husband Robert, she was preceded in death by her son, Ronald Kissel; 2 sisters, Beatrice Ballard and Beryle Conklin and her daughter-in-law Cheryl Kissel.

Cremation has taken place and Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 12, 2014 at Guardian Angels Catholic Church of Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday evening at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee where the evening vigil service from The Order of Christian Funerals will be prayed at 8:00 p.m. The family will also be present at the church one hour prior to Gladys' funeral Mass on Friday to receive friends.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in Gladys' name for the Manistee County Medical Care Facility. Envelopes are available at the funeral home and will be available at the church on Friday.

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