

Ollie Marie Konicki, age 89 of Manistee, MI died Tuesday evening, December 3, 2013 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, MI surrounded by family and loved ones.

She was born July 24, 1924 in Wellston, MI, daughter of the late Donald W. & Clara R. (Snyder) Alfred. Marie was a graduate of Bear Lake High School with the Class of 1942. Marie married John Edward Konicki on November 8, 1952 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. He preceded her in death on April 17, 2003.

Marie was employed at Schultz Printing Company during WWII. She was worked at the Kroger Grocery Store as head cashier until she changed her role to become a loving and caring mother and raising 3 children. She was a Cub Scout Leader and was very active with her children's school activities. She was also a bookkeeper for her husband's business ventures including Field Plumbing & Heating.

Marie was a life member of the V.F.W. Walsh Post #4499 Auxiliary of Manistee where she served as an officer and past-president and also served as 12th district president. She was an active member of the V.F.W. BINGO committee also was in charge the annual craft show for many years. She was also a member of the Manistee Catholic Central Mom's Club. Marie loved to bake. She was well known for making paczki and baking pies and breads. Marie loved people and was always willing to help anyone in need.

Marie is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Jeri Lynn & Bob Madsen of Washingtonville, NY; 2 sons, Paul Gerard Konicki of Manistee, MI and Thomas John Konicki of the greater Atlanta area, GA; 1 granddaughter, Jennifer Lynn Madsen of Washingtonville, NY; her siblings, Naomi (Mike) Zaleski, Ray (Dorothy) Swanson all of Bear lake, MI, Nora (George) Hunt of Manistee, MI, Tom (Pat) Swanson of Copemish, MI, Joyce (Ed) Thompson of Bear Lake, MI, Floyd Swanson of Bear Lake, MI, and Bev (Phil) Peralta of Manistee, MI. Numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, nephews and great-great nieces & nephews also survive her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Donald Alfred & Clara (Adolph) Swanson; her husband John and brothers, Ed Alfred, Ernie Swanson and sister in law, Pam Swanson.

A Memorial Mass from the Order of Christian funerals will be celebrated on Saturday, December 7, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. The family will be at the church to receive friends from 9:00 a.m. up until the Memorial Mass at 11 a.m.

A memorial has been established in Marie's name for Manistee Catholic Central Schools. Envelopes are available at the funeral home and will be available at the church on Saturday morning.

The family would like to extend special thanks on Marie's behalf to the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary, the M.C.C. Mom's Club and all of the organizations she was actively involved with. They would also like to thank all of the professionals at Munson Hospital and Birchwood Tendercare for all of their efforts in maintaining her quality of life. May God be with you all. Also a special thank you to Gary & Pearl Sullivan their son Shawn, daughter Mandy and children for all they have done and always being there for Marie and the family throughout the course of her life. Love and faith with thanks to all.

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