

**Theresa Ann (Rybicki) Koon** went to be with her loving Savior and two precious babies on Monday October 14, 2013.

She was born on June 5, 1938 in Mason County, Freesoil Michigan to John and Irene (Swidorski) Rybicki. Theresa had attended Freesoil High School and had been employed at the Old Mercy Hospital in Manistee for 17 years as a Nurses Aid, Jebavy Sorensen Orchards, J.C. Penny Store and Manistee County Medical Care Facility. She married John L. Koon on December 30, 1961in Scottville, Michigan and on September 10, 1976 their marriage was blessed by Father James Holtz at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee.

She loved cooking for the whole family and canning, freezing and storing food for the winter. Theresa enjoyed reading, doing crafts and helping anyone who needed some help. She is a member of the St. Joseph Rosary/Altar Society since 1977 and was a member of St. Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine Church of Manistee.

Theresa is survived by her loving husband of 511/2 years, John, her loving children, Tammy Bowen, Kathy (Brian) Gibson, Richard (Rhonda) Koon her precious granddaughters, Angela & Autumn Carter, her special grandsons, Nickolas Berentsen & girlfriend Danyeil, Jacob & Thomas Berentsen, Dakota Koon & Trey Gregorski all of Manistee, MI, one sister, Celia Gajeski & one brother Richard (Elaine) Rybicki of Freesoil, MI, and her special little great granddaughter Dannika Theresa Berentsen of Manistee, MI. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

In addition to her parents, Theresa was preceded in death by one son, John Jr., one daughter Terri Ann, three sisters, Rita Rybicki, Eva Rybicki, Tillie Skiera and one brother, John Rybicki.

Mass from the Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 19, 2013 at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken Celebrant. Burial will take place immediately following Theresa's funeral Mass at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

Relatives, friends and members of the St. Joseph Rosary/Altar Society will pray the Rosary at 7:30 p.m. at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee where an Evening Vigil Service will also be prayed at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 18, 2013 where friends may begin calling at the funeral home on Friday after 2:00 p.m. The family will be at the funeral home to receive friends, on Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m. until leaving for the church at 9:40 a.m.

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