



**Mona Marie Kozelka**, age 85 of Onekama, MI, died unexpectedly, early Wednesday morning, August 7, 2013 at West Shore Medical Center in Manistee.

She was born August 17, 1927 in Memphis, Tennessee and was the daughter of the late Charles S. and Sophie H. (Skoniecka) Wyatt. She was a graduate of Riverside-Brookfield High School in Riverside, Illinois, with the class of 1944. Mona married Robert C. Kozelka Sr. on August 3, 1950 in Berwyn, Illinois. He preceded her in death on December 5, 1978. She was a resident of Michigan since 1971. Mona had been employed at the Dublin Store and later retired from Manistee Catholic Central Schools where she was the bookkeeper. After her retirement from MCC Schools, Mona was the bookkeeper for Grand Rental Station until last year. While living in the Irons area, Mona was an active member and lecture at Saint Bernard's Catholic Church and after moving to the Onekama area, she joined Saint Joseph Catholic Church where she was an active member of the parish as well as being a lecture. She was an accomplished seamstress, and a dedicated animal lover who over her lifetime supported the local animal shelters and took in, and adopted many homeless cats and dogs.

Mona is survived by her son and daughter in-law, Robert and Carol Kozelka of Bear Lake, MI, and her daughter and son in-law, Chyril and Donald Ayotte of Woodsboro, Maryland and Manistee, one grandson, Jordan Kozelka of Royal Oak, MI, one niece, Linda (Greg) Reece of Surprise, Arizona.

She was also preceded in death by her sister Mildred Albrecht.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Onekama, MI with Rev. Ruben Munoz celebrant. Burial will follow at the Onekama Village Cemetery also in Onekama.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Monday, August 12, 2013 at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee where an evening vigil service will be prayed at 8:00 p.m.

Memorials have been established in Mona's name; Saint Joseph Catholic Church of Onekama, Hearts for Critters, and Homeward Bound Animal Shelter. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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