

**Bridget Marie Kruse** age 92, died Saturday, March 19, 2011 at the home of her daughter and son in-law, Yvonne and Donald Kuk in Manistee, surrounded by her family while praying the rosary.

She was born March 24, 1918 in Manistee, Michigan and was the daughter of the late Frank and Eva A. (Bartoszek) Mantych. Bridget married Harry N. Kruse on November 18, 1944 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. They raised four children together, before his death, on June 19, 1968. Bridget later married Edward Kruse on May 29, 1980 at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Manistee. He also preceded her in death on November 3, 1999.

She was always a loving wife, homemaker, mother and grandmother who saw her family as her number one priority during her lifetime. During her working career, Bridget had been employed at the Glen of Michigan for 18 years, and had also worked at the Riverside Motel and the Red Carpet Inn Restaurant. Besides spending time with her family, Bridget also enjoyed traveling, tending to her flower gardens and canning vegetables and fruits. She was a member of the Saint Joseph Rosary / Altar Society for over 50 years and a communicant of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Manistee.

She is survived by her daughter and son in-law; Faye Ann and Joseph Seaman of Newnan, Georgia, and their son and his wife; Matthew and Amanda Seaman, her daughter and son in-law; Yvonne and Donald Kuk of Manistee, and their son Andrew Kuk, her son and daughter in-law; Kenneth and Joann Kruse of Belmont, MI, and their children Heather, Robert and Joshua Kruse, her son and daughter in-law; Melvin and Linda Kruse of Manistee, MI, and their children; Melissa and Mark Fralic, Mike and Svetlana Kruse, Julie Kruse and Jamie Kruse, eight great grandchildren, Leah, Joslyn, Zoe, Margaret, Johanna, Kameryn, Kyleigh and Bridget, her sister and brother in-law, Ruffine and Walter Sanders of Petoskey, MI, her brother and two sisters in-law, Joseph and Sally Mantych of Orland Park, Illinois and Delores Mantych of Le Mont, Illinois. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

She was also preceded in death by two grandchildren, her sister Theresa Mantych and by her brother Ellis Mantych.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated on her birthday, Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Rev. John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow in Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

Relatives, friends and the members of the Saint Joseph Rosary Society will pray the rosary Wednesday evening, at 7:30 PM and the Evening Vigil Service at 8:00 PM both at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Memorials will be established in Bridget's name for the Catholic Community of Manistee and for Manistee Catholic Central Schools. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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