

Irene E. Lijewski age 87 of Manistee, Michigan, died late Monday night, December 20, 2010 at her home unexpectedly. She was born July 22, 1923 in Manistee, Michigan and was the daughter of the late Frank A. and Anna (Krajkiewicz) Tomaszewski. Irene retired in 1985 from the Hardy Salt Company in Manistee and later was employed, in the coat check at the Little River Casino for eight years. She loved spending time and being involved in her grandchildren and great grandchildren's activities and events. Irene also enjoyed gardening, crocheting and reading books in her spare time.

Irene is survived by three daughters and sons in-law; Betty and Ronald Kamaloski, Nancy and Tom Jans and Kathy and Ronald Ferolito, all of Manistee, three sons and daughters in-law; Tom and Marlene Lijewski, Alex and Victoria Lijewski and David and Dawn Lijewski, all of Manistee, 14 grandchildren; Dursa (Ken) Smotrilla, Peter Kamaloski, Jeff (Casey) Kamaloski, Carl (Jenni) Jans, Tammy (Scott) Anderson, Dale Guenthardt, Timothy (Melissa) Guenthardt, Tabitha Ferolito, Wade (Kristen) Lijewski, Melisa (Wayne) Christner, Jennifer (Kerry) Wagner, Amanda (Kelly) Breland, David Lijewski Jr. and Denise Lijewski and 16 great grandchildren; Matthew and Nicholas Smotrilla, Chris, Nathan and Kari Jans, Ethan and A.J. Anderson, Eliza Guethardt, Ean Guenthardt, Vincent, Piper and Memphis Lijewski, Montana Lijewski, Dakota Wagner, London and Maverick Breland, two sisters and one brother in-law, Eleanor Lijewski and Theresa and Wayne Miller all of Manistee. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

Irene was preceded in death by four brothers; Barney, Casmier, Joseph and Frank "Bud" Tomaszewski and by two sisters; Frances Tomaszewski and Helen Gentz.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated on Friday, December 24, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee, with Rev. John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee. The family will receive friends at the church on Friday morning, one hour prior to the funeral mass.

Grandma said "Christmas Eve was her holiday, for her children and grandchildren to come home, and be with her".

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