



Eleanor G. Miller, age 95, of Onekama, died early Friday morning, July 25, 2014, at Bortz Health Care in Traverse City, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on April 25, 1919, in Manistee, and was the daughter of the late William and Agnes (Ozga) Glocheski. Eleanor was a graduate of Manistee High School with the class of 1937. She married J. Martin Miller on Nov. 15, 1941, at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. The couple had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 15, 1991, just before Martin's death on Dec. 28, 1991.

Eleanor cared deeply for her husband and children and spent most of her life as a homemaker caring for Martin and their children. After their children (14) left home, it was up to Martin and Eleanor to run the Miller Fruit and Rock Shop on Northwood Highway. Eleanor added her specialties of homemade jams and jellies of all varieties from the many fruits they grew on their 80-acre fruit farm. She also served as her husband's secretary and accountant while he was a Northwestern Mutual Insurance agent.

She enjoyed traveling Northern Michigan, the U.P. and going out west to gem and rock shows in Arizona and bringing back stones to make jewelry and other handmade items to sell at the market. She also enjoyed flower gardening, photography and sewing. With faith serving as her bulwark in life, she belonged to Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Onekama, was a member of the Saint Joseph's Women's Guild and the Altar Society. Eleanor also enjoyed a good laugh about many things in life, noting a sense of humor could often carry the day.

Eleanor is survived by four daughters and a son-in-law, Joan Oswald, Mary Orth, Darlene Miller and Michele and Walter Smalley, all of Traverse City; eight sons and daughters-in-law, Chester and Bonnie Miller, Greg and Karen Miller and Steve Miller, all of Onekama, Thomas Miller, of Walker, Martin J. and Suzie Miller, Philip and Lynn Miller, Robert and Jane Miller, Peter and Sally Miller, all of Manistee; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; her sister and brother-in-law, Clarice and Leonard Wittlief, of Manistee; two brothers and four sisters-in-law, Bernard and Joyce Glocheski, of Otsego, Patrick and Carol Glocheski, of Banning, Calif., and Helen A. Glocheski and Katherine "Katie" Glocheski, both of Manistee. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

Eleanor was also preceded in death by two sons, Gerald Miller and Paul Miller; her son-in-law, Samuel Oswald; and by three sisters and brothers-in-law, Dorthea and Donald Paprocki, Joan and Daniel Froncek and Marie and Dale Ballard; and by two brothers, James Glocheski and Chester W. Glocheski.

A Mass from the Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Wednesday, July 30, 2014, at 11 a.m., at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Onekama, with Monsignor John Porter serving as celebrant. Burial will follow at the Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Onekama. Relatives and friends will pray the Evening Vigil Service Tuesday, July 29, 2014, at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee, where the family will receive friends on Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., and at the church in Onekama on Wednesday from 10 a.m. until the time of the funeral Mass at 11 a.m.

A memorial will be established in Eleanor's name for the Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Onekama. Envelopes are available at the funeral home and will be available at the church on Wednesday morning.

Eleanor's family would like to thank all those who cared for her during her lifetime, especially all of the staff and caregivers at Bortz Health Care of Traverse City.

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