

Clara M. Nelson, age 96 of Manistee, Michigan died Early Thursday morning, March 22, 2012 at the Manistee County Medical Care Facility in Manistee.

She was born on September 28, 1915 in Manistee, Michigan daughter of the late Joseph & Antionette (Kruse) Adamski. Besides being a homemaker and raising her family, Clara worked part time for many years at the Moonlite Motel. She enjoyed playing bingo and pinochle and loved cooking and flower gardening. Clara was known for her great sense of humor and her pleasant personality wherever she went.

She married Walter K. Nelson on November 29, 1933 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee, Michigan and they were married for almost 66 years, before his death on, October 19, 1999. She was a communicant of Guardian Angels Catholic Church of Manistee.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law: W. Kenneth Nelson Jr. of New Carrollton, Maryland and Jim & Cathy Nelson of Manistee, Michigan, four grandchildren: Todd Nelson, Tyler Nelson (Dorothy Livingstone) and their son Ian Zachary Nelson, Tamara Nelson and Kyle Nelson. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

She was preceded in death in addition to her parents by an infant daughter, Arlene Joan Nelson, her daughter in-law, Pauline "Polly" Nelson, four sisters: Lilly Frend, Helen Hayes, Selma Piotrowski and Rose Lund and by six brothers: Ted, Stanley, Leo, Michael and Edward Adamski and John Adams.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery also in Manistee.

Relatives and friends will pray the Evening Vigil Service at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening March 27, 2012 at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee, where friends may begin calling after 2:00 p.m. The family will be at the funeral home on Tuesday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. receive friends.

Those wishing to remember Clara are asked to consider a contribution, to Guardian Angels Catholic Church of Manistee or the charity of your choice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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