

Rita P. Niemerowicz, age 93 of Manistee, MI died Monday, August 3, 2015 at the Bauer House Assisted Living Home in Manistee.

She was born on February 19, 1922 in Manistee, Michigan daughter of the late Frank & Mary (Wicinski) Newman. She was a graduate of Manistee High School class of 1939. Rita married Harry J. Niemerowicz on January 27, 1951 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. He preceded her in death on January 31, 2011. They shared 60 years of married life. As a young lady, Rita worked for Michigan Bell Telephone. Rita enjoyed the times spent with family, especially her grandchildren. Her children and grandchildren were a big part of her life and she enjoyed going to all their sporting activities and sporting events and playing UNO with them. She enjoyed a good game of cards and loved to play pinochle. Most of her life was spent being a wife and homemaker to Harry and her family. The kitchen table at her home was her "domain". She was a member of the Catholic Community of Manistee, St. Joseph Catholic Church, where she was also a member of the St. Joseph Rosary Society for over 50 years. Rita would like to be remembered as you knew her when she was with us.

She is survived by two daughters and sons in-law; Jean and Dennis Laskey and Mary and Harry "David" Drew both of Manistee, MI and was "Busha" to three grandchildren, Richard & Jennifer Laskey of Howard City, MI and David Drew of Kalamazoo, MI & Michael Drew of Manistee, MI, four great grandchildren, Trenton, Madalynn, Trace and Maddox Laskey, one sister in-law; Madeleine Newman of Traverse City, MI. Several nieces, nephews and cousins also survive her.

She was preceded in death in addition to her parents & husband Harry by two sisters, Irene Newman & Evelyn Newman and two brothers & one sister-in-law, Frank & Clara Newman and Ray "Rex" Newman.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, August 8, 2015 at 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend Peter Wigton celebrant. Interment will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee. Relatives, friends and the members of the Saint Joseph Rosary Society will pray the Rosary, Friday evening at 7:30 PM at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee, where the Evening Vigil Service will also be prayed at 8:00 PM. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday evening from 6:00 to 9:00 PM and on Saturday morning from 10:00 AM until the time of leaving for the church at 10:40 AM.

Memorials will be established in Rita's name for St. Joseph Catholic Church and for Manistee Catholic Central Schools both of Manistee. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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

