



Suzanne E. Nowak age 92, of First Street, Manistee, Michigan, formerly Susan Skiera went to be with her Lord in Heaven on Wednesday, March 10, 2010. She was born July 6, 1917 in Manistee, Michigan and was the daughter of the late Joseph and Mary (Kozlowski) Skiera. She married Raymond A. Nowak on October 22, 1938 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. They celebrated 63 years of marriage before Ray passed on March 1, 2002. Suzanne has been a life-long member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Manistee.

Suzanne was a generous and kind woman. She was a faithful and loving wife, creating an inviting and comfortable home for her husband and her daughters. She was a good friend to many in the community of Manistee.

She enjoyed visits and playing pinochle with her friends. Her grandchildren remember the pleasant trips to "Grandma's" house and all the wonderful smells that filled her kitchen. She kept in close contact with her sister and brothers, rarely missing a week without getting together with them. Her gentle spirit and her laughter will be remembered by all that knew her.

She is survived by three daughters and sons in-law, Jean and Dennis LaFave, Lorraine and Quentin Reader all of Grand Rapids, MI, and Bonnie and Arthur Southerton of Traverse City, MI, seven grandchildren and their spouse's, Jim and Iwona LaFave, Susan and John Kozlowski, Christopher and Amanda Reader, Casey Reader, Laurel and Jonthan Stanley, Ann and Jason Luke and Rob and Erin Kolkman, seven great grandchildren, Kelly, Thomas, Katie, Calder, Ray, Sylvia and Ava, her sister and brother in-law, Helen and Chester Glocheski and her brother and sister in-law, Robert and Shirley Skiera all of Manistee, MI. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

Her brother's Anthony "Tony" Skiera and John "Jack" Skiera and her great granddaughter Elise Kolkman also preceded Suzanne in death.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Monday, March 15, 2010 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee at 11:00 AM with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Manistee, Michigan.

The Evening Vigil service will be prayed at 8:00 PM on Sunday evening at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee, where friends may begin calling on Sunday afternoon after 2:00 PM. The family will be at the funeral home on Sunday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and Sunday Evening from 7:00 to 9:00 PM and Monday morning from 10:00 AM to 10:40 AM to receive friends.

Memorials will be established in Suzanne's name for St. Joseph Catholic Church of Manistee and the Alzheimer's Foundation. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. **The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.**