



Marie A. Owen, 93, passed away peacefully on Oct. 3, 2013, in Manistee, surrounded by her family.

She was born March 28, 1920, in Calumet, to Bernard and Dora Grimmeke. She was a graduate of Sacred Heart High School in Calumet.

After graduation she moved to Detroit where she did various jobs until the war started. Then she went to work at the Willow Run bomber plant, where she met her husband, Bill. They were married in July 1944.

They had five children and continued to live in Detroit until Bill retired from J.L. Hudson Company in 1969. They then moved to Gaylord.

After the children were grown, she went to work as a cook for Gaylord Community Schools from which she retired. She continued to work as a cook at the school part time until she was 80 years old.

She is survived by her children, Patricia (Joseph) Gregoire of Westland, John Owen of Gaylord, Gary (Debra) Owen of Manistee, Diane (Thomas) Rensberry of Cadillac; stepdaughter, Shirley (Dave) Mauk of Lucas, Ohio; a sister, Charlotte Johnson of Gaylord; 18 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, C. William (Bill) Owen; son, William Owen; and stepsons, Robert Nungester and Myron Owen.

Mass of Christian burial will be held today (Tuesday), Oct. 8, at 11 a.m. from St. Mary Cathedral.

Visitation at Nelson Funeral Home was held Monday, Oct. 7, from 5 to 9 p.m.

Visitation continues at the church today from 10 a.m. until the hour of Mass.

Interment will take place immediately following at Fairview Cemetery.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Munson Hospice or St. Mary Cathedral through Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734.

Friends may offer condolences online at www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com