

Barbara J. Polcyn age 81, of Manistee, Michigan died Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at West Shore Medical Center in Manistee.

She was born on February 25, 1930 in Manistee, Michigan daughter of the late Stephen J. & Josephine A. (Stefaniak) Polcyn. She was a graduate of Manistee High School with the class of 1948. She then attended Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan and received her Bachelor Degree in Education and then completed her Master's Degree in Library Science also at Central Michigan University. Barbara began her teaching career at the Michigan School for the Deaf and later taught and was a librarian with the Muskegon Public School System for thirty years. Most of her life Barbara was an active leader and volunteer with the Girl Scouts of America, she was also very active and volunteered at the Manistee County Museum for many activities and exhibitions, especially excelling in the Polish and Christmas exhibits sponsored by the museum. She was dearly loved by her family and was the dedicated "Family Historian".

She was a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church of Manistee, and a member of the St. Joseph Rosary / Altar Society.

She is survived by her sister: Claudia M. Polcyn of Manistee, MI and one brother-in-law: Raymond Tylanda of Milwaukee, WI. Numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews also survive her.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Agatha Tylanda and Gertrude Yelich and five brothers, Gabriel, Stephen Jr., Fabian, Bonaventure and Dr. Benedict Polcyn, a sister-in-law, Barbara A. Polcyn and a brother-in-law, Emil Yelich.

Mass from the Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend Sylvestre Obwaka celebrant. Burial will follow in Mount Carmel Cemetery also of Manistee.

The family will receive friends at the church on Tuesday morning one hour prior to the funeral mass.

A memorial has been established in Barbara's name for St. Joseph Catholic Church Music Fund. Envelopes are available at the funeral home and also at the church on Tuesday morning.

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