

Sarah M. Raczkowski age 99 of Manistee, Michigan died Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at the Manistee County Medical Care Facility in Manistee.

She was born December 25, 1911 in Filer City, Michigan and was the daughter of the late Andrew and Blanche (Smogolecki) Holowinski. Sarah married John F. Raczkowski on November 16, 1935 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee, Michigan. They celebrated their 50th. Wedding anniversary in 1985. Jack preceded her in death on December 13, 1999. Sarah had been employed for 35 years with the Morton Salt Company of Manistee until her retirement. She was a communicant of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Manistee and a member of the St. Joseph Rosary Society. She had also spent many hours of her time as a volunteer at the Manistee County Medical Care Facility and as a favorite past time she enjoyed playing pinochle.

Sarah is survived locally by her niece, Leanne (Gerald) Pieczynski and by her sister-in-law: Marion Holowinski. Several nieces and nephews also survive her.

Sarah was also preceded in death by 3 sisters, Isabelle Gawron, Sally Tyran and Theresa Wazniewski and by 6 brothers Lee, Stanley, Harry, Donald, Edward and Ben Holowinski.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 11:00 am at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken Celebrant. Burial will follow in Mt. Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

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

Memorials will be established in Sarah name for St. Joseph Church and for Manistee Catholic Central Schools. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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