

Geraldine Rutske, beloved sister of Carl Rutske and a friend to animals, especially cats, died Saturday night, June 18, 2011 at West Shore Medical Center after a brief illness. She was born on February 16, 1934, at the family home on Eighth Street in Manistee where she has resided her entire life. She was the daughter of the late Walter and Mary (Kowalski) Rutske. Many aunts, uncles and cousins have also preceded her in death. Geraldine had been employed with the Michigan Bell Telephone Company and later for Fred Caro at Home Service Studio in Manistee.

She is survived by her brother, Carl Rutske and by one aunt, Veronica Rakowski and by many cousins. She loved cats and two of them are especially going to miss her, Bambi and Baby Brownie.

Geraldine loved animals of all kinds and spent many hours shopping, which she loved to do, making sure that they had a large and plentiful amount of food and other goodies. She will definitely be missed by everyone including her close friends and neighbors.

Geraldine had a passion for animals so in lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Geraldine are asked to consider a contribution to the Homeward Bound Animal Shelter in her memory.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Rev. John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel cemetery also in Manistee.

Relatives and friends will pray the Evening Vigil Service at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee on Tuesday evening at 8:00 PM. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Tuesday evening from 6:00 to 9:00 PM and at the church on Wednesday morning, one hour prior to her funeral mass. **The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.**