

**Ruffine Frances (Mantyck) Sanders** age 89 of Petoskey, Michigan, and formerly of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at the Bortz Nursing Home in Petoskey, Michigan. She was born July 16, 1922 in Manistee, Michigan and was the daughter of the late Frank and Eva (Bartoszek) Mantyck. Ruffine married Walter A. Sanders on June 23, 1945 at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. She was a woman of strong faith, enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, liked to travel and go camping in her motor home. Ruffine and Walter wintered in Sundance Lakes, in Port Richie, Florida for about twenty years. She was a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, a member of the church's Altar Society and a member of the Cascapers Square Dance Club.

She is survived by her husband of over fifty seven years, Walter A. Sanders, her daughter and son in-law, Sandra and Mario Kaminski, two granddaughters, Darlene Kate and Edward Damon and Kimberly Kaminski, her grandson, Christopher and Katherine Kaminski, two great grandchildren Alexander Kaminski and Soroya Kaminski, her brother and two sisters in-law, Joseph and Sally Mantyck and Dolores Mantyck, a special family member Jon Paul Bautel. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

Ruffine was also preceded in death by her brother Ellis Mantyck and her sisters, Theresa Mantyck and Bridget Kruse.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at 11:00 AM at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend Sylvestre Obwaka celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

Relatives and friends will pray the Evening Vigil Service Monday evening at 8:00 PM at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee where friends may begin calling Monday evening after 6:00 PM. The family will be at the funeral home Monday evening from 6:00 to 9:00 PM to receive friends.

A memorial will be established in Ruffine's name for Saint Joseph Catholic Church of Manistee. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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