

**Frances Irene (Girven) Skiera** age 92 of Manistee, Michigan, died peacefully, Saturday morning, April 21, 2012 at the Manistee County Medical Care Facility. She was born October 24, 1919 in Bozeman, Montana and was the daughter of the late John and Bertha (Hartman) Girven. She was a graduate of Bear Lake High School with the class of 1938. Frances married David F. Skiera on July 13, 1940 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. They had celebrated over 57 years of marriage before David's death on May 25, 1998. Frances enjoyed cooking, gardening, working in her yard, and was an accomplished seamstress, especially with making clothing for her family and friends. She also loved to dance with her husband David. Frances was a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church of Manistee and a member of the Saint Joseph Rosary Society.

She is survived by two daughters and sons in-law, Judy and Fred Woebeking of Tullahoma, Tennessee and Connie and Paul Glaser of Manistee, MI, two sons and daughters in-law, James and Kathy Skiera and Phillip and Sue Skiera all of Manistee, MI, Ten grandchildren and Twenty Five great grandchildren, and one great-great grandson, her sister, Lu Sundbeck of Manistee, MI, and her brother and sister in-law, Donald and Rita Girven of Bear lake, MI, her brother in-law, Don Hyrns of Bear lake, MI, three sisters in-law, Ruby Girven of Bear Lake, MI, Betty Skiera and Barbara Skiera both of Manistee, MI. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Frances was also preceded in death by her daughter and son in-law, Linda and Tom Fuller, her grand-daughter Stacey L. Skiera, five sisters, Dorothy Wolcott, Helen Hodgson, Lucille LaVassuer, Ruth Girven and Carol Hyrns and by her two brothers, John Girven and Harley G. Girven.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 12:00 Noon, at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Rev. John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

Relatives, friends and the members of the Saint Joseph Rosary Society, will pray the Rosary on Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee, where the Evening Vigil Service will also be prayed at 8:00 PM. Friends may begin calling at the funeral home, on Tuesday afternoon after 2:00 PM. The family will receive friends at the funeral home, on Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM and on Wednesday morning from 11:00 AM until leaving for the church at 11:40 AM.

Those wishing to remember Frances, are asked to consider a donation in her name, to St. Joseph Catholic Church, Manistee Catholic Central Schools or the Homeward Bound Animal Shelter all of Manistee. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. **The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.**