

Emilie Rose Washnieski, age 80, of Manistee, Michigan passed away peacefully at her home in Manistee on Wednesday, October 23, 2013.

She was born on April 7, 1933 in Benoit, Wisconsin on the family farm, daughter of the late Joseph & Anne (Kozacik) Brandis and the 9th of 10 children. She was the beloved wife of the late Robert E. Washnieski and dear mother of the late Michelle "Missy" Washnieski who have preceded her in death. Emilie was employed with the public school system as a teacher's aide and was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee.

She is survived by her daughter, Vanessa "Sue" (Gordon) Petzak of Charlevoix, MI, three sons, Robert J. (Rebecca) Washnieski of Fargo, ND, Frank Washnieski of Cadillac, MI and Michael (Rebecca) Washnieski of Virginia Beach, VA, ten grandchildren and ten great grandchildren, and a sister Bernadine Fortier. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

She was preceded in death in addition to her husband and daughter by two sisters, Julia Doleys and Helen Kolanowski and by six brothers, Joseph, Andrew, John, Frank, Stanley & Edward Brandis.

According to Emilie's wishes, cremation has taken place and Mass from the Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated on Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to the funeral service on Thursday. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

The family wishes to send a special thank you to Manistee Medical Care "Friends Who Care", especially Cathy Hunt for taking such good care of our mother and grandmother.....she will be forever loved and missed.

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