



Sylvia Ann (Linke) Willett, born in Filer City, Michigan on January 24, 1935 to Arthur Linke and Sophie (Pelarski) Linke. She attended Filer City grade school and was a 1953 graduate of Manistee High School. Sylvia worked for a large Insurance Co. in Battle Creek for one year, then returned to Manistee to become the bride of John Edward Willett on June 18, 1955 at Guardian Angels Church. Devoted mother of three children – stay at home mom for 10 years, then was employed at West Shore Hospital for 36 years. She loved knitting & crocheting and planning holiday celebrations. She was a gifted piano player and also played accordion as a

teenager. She was a member of the Divine Mercy Parish (Guardian Angels Catholic Church), a member of the Guardian Angels Church Choir for 10 years and a Eucharistic Minister for two years.

She and John loved visiting St. Charles, MO at the home of her brother Arvid & family each spring. Sylvia played the piano at the Country Club for eight years for the Friday night fish fry, loved St. Arthurs (Nov. 15) day & their cabin in the woods.

She was preceded by her parents Arthur and Sophie (Pelarski) Linke; brothers Leonard and Wayne Linke; her sister-in-law Helen Linke and her brother in-law Walter Schuelke; and her husband John of 57 years.

Survived by her two daughters Renee Willett (Chris Rakczynski) and Rhonda Willett, her son and daughter in-law Michael and Kimberly Willett, all of Manistee; her grandchildren Holly Tabaczka & husband Nick of Anchorage, AK; Linda Kott, Christopher and Jarred Willet, all of Manistee; her sister Myrna Schuelke of Manistee; two brothers and sisters in-law Arnold and Linda Linke of Battle Creek, MI, and Arvid and Laurie Linke of St. Charles, MO. Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins also survive her.

In honor of Sylvia's dedication and devotion to Guardian Angels Church of Manistee and in accordance with her wishes, the family has opted to celebrate her funeral Mass in the spring of 2019, when the Church will be reopened and her funeral services will be announced.

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