



Joan Elaine Lijewski, age 87 of Manistee, Michigan, died Thursday evening, November 26, 2020. She was living at Ludington Woods Assisted Living at the time of her death.

Joan was born on February 21, 1933, in Benton Harbor, Michigan, daughter of the late Jason and Genevieve Bouma. She was a member of Divine Mercy Parish in Manistee. Joan graduated from Manistee High School in 1951.

Joan married Raphael (Ray) Anthony Lijewski on November 27, 1953, in Manistee, Michigan. They were married 66 years.

Joan was a devoted mother and wife. During her lifetime, she enjoyed spending time with her family and particularly enjoyed the annual July 4th family reunions. She also enjoyed knitting sweaters, afghans, and Christmas stockings for her family.

Joan was active in golfing, bowling, and playing bridge with her family and friends. Joan and Ray were members of Manistee Golf and Country Club. In retirement, they wintered in Gulf Shores, Alabama along with their many friends from Manistee and Bear Lake.

She was employed by the Manistee Area Public Schools as a secretary at Jefferson Elementary School before retiring after 20 years of service.

Joan was an active member of St. Anne's Circle of the former Guardian Angels Parish, preparing luncheons following funeral masses for church members.

Joan is preceded in death by her husband Ray on September 5, 2020. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Linda and Robert Andersen; sons and daughters-in-law: Daniel and Valerie Lijewski, Gary and Cherrie Lijewski, and Jeffrey and Elizabeth Lijewski. She is also survived by her seven grandchildren: Melissa Andersen, Jeffellyn Camacho, Jacquelyn Artim, Andrew Lijewski, Nicole Beck, Jason Lijewski and Matthew Lijewski; and seven great-grandchildren: Christopher and Milani Camacho, Kinley and Carter Lijewski, Owen and Gavin Artim, and Landon Ray Beck; and many nieces and nephews.

A private committal service was held at Mount Carmel Cemetery on Monday, December 7, 2020. The service was private due to COVID-19 concerns.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated, on Friday, July 2, 2021 at 12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee, with Reverend Zeljko Guberovic celebrant. The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to the Mass.

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