



Delores Bernadine (Kowalski) Klasko "Del", age 84 of Manistee, Michigan, went to her heavenly home on Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

Del was born on January 12, 1939 in Manistee, Michigan, daughter of the late Edward and Bernadine (Nowak) Kowalski. She was a graduate of St. Joseph High School with the class of 1957. Del married Stephen Klasko of Chicago, Illinois and Lansing Michigan, on September 23, 1961 and he preceded her in death on November 16, 1971.

Del was a wonderful wife, mother, sister and friend. She enjoyed bowling with the area bowling leagues. She also enjoyed playing cards, especially pinochle, she liked listening to country and western music, but really enjoyed polka music and dancing. Del also really enjoyed collecting "Leopard" things, and sure had a huge collection of them.

As a teenager, Del worked at the Ross Grill Restaurant in Manistee, as a waitress, and worked at the Glen of Michigan as a seamstress. She and her husband Stephen, owned and operated the Shopping Basket in Manistee, later on they moved to Clare, Michigan, where they owned and operated the Butcher Shop. Due to her husband's illness, they moved back to Manistee, and after his death, she worked at Jay's Shoppe Rite in Manistee, as head cashier. She also was a cashier at the Orchard Market in Free Soil, Michigan.

She was a member of Divine Mercy Parish (St. Joseph Catholic Church) in Manistee, also a member of the St. Joseph Rosary/Altar Society for over 25 years, a "Greeter" at St. Joseph Church for over 13 years and a member of the Manistee Catholic Central Mom's Club. Del was also a past member of the V.F.W. Walsh Post 4499, Ladies Auxiliary, where she had served as, Jr. Vice President, Sr. Vice President and President and was the Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain for over five years.

She is survived by her daughter, Christy Klasko of Atlanta, Georgia, her brother and sister in-law, Ronald and Marianne Kowalski and numerous cousins and friends as well as her grand dog, Charlie Robert.

In addition to her parents, Edward and Bernadine Kowalski, Del was also preceded in death by her husband, Stephen Klasko, her brother Le Roy E. Kowalski and by a "special friend" Stanley "Shorty" Janowiak, and her nephew Allan Le Roy Kowalski (Cole).

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, July 14, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church of Divine Mercy Parish, with Reverend Michael Linguar celebrant. The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to the mass, with a Rosary being prayed by the members of the St. Joseph Rosary Society at 12:30 p.m. Burial took place on Friday, June 30, 2023 at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Manistee.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made for masses, Homeward Bound Animal Shelter or a Health Organization of your choice. Envelopes will be available at the church on Friday.

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