



Phyllis (Dufon) Hanna, age 91 of Manistee, Michigan, died Friday night, July 12, 2024 at her home, surrounded by her family.

She was born on November 15, 1932 in Sherman Township (Mason County), Michigan, and was the daughter of the late Leo and Anna (Maske) Dufon. Phyllis was a graduate of Free Soil High School with the class of 1951. She married Gerald J. Hanna on November 5, 1955 at Saint John Cantius Catholic Church in Free Soil, Michigan. Gerald preceded her in death on April 19, 1990. Phyllis was employed and retired from the Manistee Public School System (Madison School). After the school system, Phyllis was employed with the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce where she eventually took over the role of Chamber Director. She loved spending time with her family and doing volunteer work. She volunteered with the Christian Appalachian Project in Kentucky, went to China to teach conversational English, worked with jail prison ministry, volunteered at the Ramsdell Theater, worked at the Manistee Visitor Center, and gave guided tours of Manistee. Phyllis was very proud of the Manistee area. She was a member of Divine Mercy Parish of Manistee.

She is survived by her children, Pamela A. (Tim Kowalski) Hanna, Gerald G. Hanna, and Timothy H. (Beth Pomeroy) Hanna, her granddaughter, Lauren O. (Kacey Garner) Hanna, her brothers and sister-in-law, Dennis Dufon of Bradenton, Florida and Harold and Sherry Dufon of Free Soil, MI. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald J. Hanna, her son Douglas D. Hanna, her sister and brother-in-law, Doris and Fred Backing, infant sister Roslyn Dufon, her brothers, Leonard Dufon and George Dufon and sister-in-law Mary Dufon.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, July 19, 2024 at 12:00 noon, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend James Bearss celebrant. The family will receive friends at the church on Friday morning from 10:30 a.m. until the time of the funeral mass at noon. A funeral luncheon will be held immediately following the funeral mass at the Saint Joseph Parish Center in Manistee. Graveside service will take place at the Saint John Cantius Church Cemetery, in Free Soil MI. at 3:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon.

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