



MaryEllen Helminiak, age 85 of Manistee died Friday morning, April 24, 2026.

She was born on August 23, 1940 in Manistee the daughter of the late William & Alice (Grant) O'Herron. She married Anthony Helminiak on April 17, 1958 at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Manistee. He preceded her in death on March 28, 2025.

MaryEllen had been employed at the Glen of Michigan. She was a member of Divine Mercy Parish in Manistee. Her interests included reading, TV shows, crocheting, puzzle books, and watching hummingbirds.

She is survived by two sons; Dan (Christie) Helminiak and Tony Helminiak, daughter-in-law; Donna Helminiak, grandchildren; Shawna (Matt) Roskoski, Ryan (Alex) Helminiak, Adam (Ashley) Helminiak, & Dylan (Julia) Helminiak, step-grandchild; Tyler (Whitney) Hiller, great grandchildren; Noah Helminiak, Maddie Roskoski, Roam Helminiak, & Parker Helminiak, step-great grandchild; Addison Hiller, three brothers; Daniel, John, & Michael O'Herron, four sisters; Marie (Daniel) Baker, Rosemary Ruba, Iona McDougall, & Margaret (Melvin) Schweitzer, sisters-in-law; Joann (Tom) Veine and Joyce Kaplan, as well as by numerous nieces and nephews.

MaryEllen was also preceded in death by her son; Timothy Helminiak, her daughter; Dawn Melchert, four brothers; William, Thomas, Patrick, & Frank O'Herron, and brothers-in-law; Robert Helminiak, Raymond Ruba, Colin McDougall, & Avery Kaplan.

Graveside Services will be held Friday, May 8, 2026 at 11:00 AM at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Manistee with Father James Bearss officiating. A luncheon will follow at the Manistee Township Hall in Parkdale.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be directed to the family.

Arrangements by the Oak Grove Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Manistee.