



Cecilia Rose Krusniak, age 96, of Manistee, Michigan died peacefully with her family by her side on Monday afternoon, June 15th at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

She was born on August 31, 1929 in Filer Township, Michigan, daughter of the late Michael and Agnes Olejniczak. Ceil attended St. Joseph Catholic School and was a graduate of the pioneer Class of 1947. She married the love of her life, Ralph Krusniak, on February 3rd, 1951, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. Ceil was a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic

Church all her life and was a 50-year member of the Rosary Society. She and her husband Ralph were huge supporters of Catholic education, investing their time and talents to Manistee Catholic Central Schools for many years. She was inducted into the MCC Hall of Fame alongside her husband Ralph. Ceil was employed at JC Penney Company, Carriage Inn Motel, and Days Inn until her retirement.

Ceil was a woman of deep faith, unwavering love, and a generous heart. She dedicated her life to her family and found joy in the simple blessings that filled her days. Whether she was baking something special for loved ones, tending to her flower beds, watching the birds outside her window, or enjoying a spirited game of Skip-Bo, she embraced life with warmth and gratitude. She shared 69 wonderful years of marriage with her beloved husband, Ralph. Together they created a lifetime of memories, including many cherished fishing trips that brought them closer and filled their lives with happiness. Ceil was an avid Detroit Tigers fan and rarely missed the opportunity to cheer on her favorite team. She was also one of her grandchildren's biggest supporters, faithfully attending sporting events and celebrating their accomplishments with pride and enthusiasm. Known for her remarkable sewing skills, Ceil was the family seamstress, always ready to mend a torn shirt, hem a pair of pants, or repair a favorite outfit. Her loving hands touched countless lives through these small acts of care and kindness. Above all, Ceil treasured her family. She loved gathering everyone together for pizza parties, birthdays, Christmas and Thanksgiving celebrations creating traditions and memories that will be cherished for generations. She will be remembered for her kindness, strong faith, gentle spirit, and the unconditional love she shared with all who knew her. Her legacy lives on in the family she adored and in the many lives she touched throughout her 96 years.

Ceil is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Janis and Todd Erickson; daughter-in-law Mary (Mark) Krusniak; her grandchildren Amy (Blair) Moreau, Eric (Whitney) Krusniak, Kelly (Charlie) Jetter, Katie Erickson; her great-grandchildren Katarina and Gabriella Moreau, Alaina (Megan) Leo, Maverick and Aurora Krusniak, Vincent and Sloane Santorilla, Zoey, Alex, and Emily Jetter. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

Ceil was preceded in death by her husband Ralph, in 2020; her parents; her son Mark Steven and an infant son at birth, Scott Allen; Sisters Clara (Joseph) Dahlke, Germaine (Don) Habkirk, Eleanor (Richard) Klett, Mary (Edward) Beyer; Step-sisters Josephine Jameson, Rose Cerny, Lillian Wosniewski; Half-sisters Virginia (Edward) Kott, Emaline (Edward) Baker, Bernice (Symon) Izdebski, and Martha Oleniczak; Brother Donald

Oleniczak; Half-brothers Raymond (Genevieve)Oleniczak, Joseph (Virginia) Oleniczak, Edwin Oleniczak, and Michael (Valeria) Wosniewski.

According to her wishes, cremation has taken place and Mass of Christian Burial will be concelebrated by Reverend James Bearss and Reverend Richard Bartoszek on Monday, June 29, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Divine Mercy Parish in Manistee. The family will receive friends at the church on Monday morning, one hour prior to the funeral Mass. Burial will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Manistee.

A memorial will be established in Ceil's name for the Guardian Angels Preservation Project or MCC Schools Foundation. Envelopes are available at the funeral home and will be available at the church on Monday morning.

Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of arrangements. www.herbertfh.com