Erika U. Sherman, 71, of Cass City, died Monday, Oct. 15, 2012 in Tendercare Nursing Facility of Cass City, following a long illness.

She was born July 23, 1941 in Langaneau, Germany to Gustov and Katharine (Durr) Thierer. She married James Sherman Aug. 27, 1961 in Cass City. He died April 1, 2007.

Erika attended public school in Langaneau, Germany through the 8th grade. She met her husband, James while he was serving in the U.S. Army. In 1961, following their marriage, she moved to Cass City. Erika worked and managed the family restaurant, Sherman's Restaurant until the late 1980's. She later worked in the deli at Erla's until her health no longer allowed her to work. Erika enjoyed crocheting, knitting and crossword puzzles.

Erika is survived by her children, Ruby (Brian) Rideout of Prescott Valley, Ariz., Katy (Greg) Irwin of Capac, Howard Sherman of Cass City; grandchildren, Jessica (Phil) Montie of Bad Axe, Sara (Aaron) Henderson of Bad Axe; great-grandchildren, Ava, Adison and Tristan Henderson; brother, Erik (Bubet) Durr of Langaneau, Germany; sister, Gerda Thierer of Langaneau, Germany.

The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012 in Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City with Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ officiating. Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19 and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20 at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Lewy Body Dementia Assoc., 912 Kilian Hill Road, S.W. Lilburn, GA 30047, or the Cass City VFW Post No. 3644.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.