

## **Christine Ann Kennedy Clancy**

Christine Ann Kennedy Clancy, 84, resident of Port Austin, passed away Friday, March 18, 2011 having lost her brief battle with cancer.

Chris was born June 21, 1926 in Detroit, daughter of William and Nell Kennedy.

She graduated from Denby High School and went on to earn her Bachelor's Degree in teaching from College of Mount Saint Joseph in Cincinnati, Ohio and earned a place in "Who's Who of American College Students, 1948 edition". After graduating from college, she accepted a teaching position in Port Austin, where her father had grown up. There she met and married Harry Clancy and raised seven children, Mary (Robert) Andreski, Port Austin, Barbara (Ed) Gottschalk of Ann Arbor, Thomas Clancy of Port Austin, Sally (John) Pollock, of Northville, Donna (Patrick) Provot of Concord, Ohio, Harriet Clancy of Rochester and Debra Clancy of Ann Arbor.

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Port Austin. Chris was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother of eight who encouraged a love of education and travel. All of her grandchildren, Rory and Jeffrey (Christie) Andreski, Adam and Jonathon Gottschalk, Kelly and Tom Provot and Sean and Erin Pollock will miss her greatly and have fond memories of loud games of Trivial Pursuit at which grandma excelled.

Christine was a dear sister of Charlotte Cahalan, Bill Kennedy, Richard Kennedy and James (Ruth) Kennedy; many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents, William and Nell Kennedy; one sister, Margaret Hall; one brother, Robert Kennedy; brothers-in-law, Edwin Hall and John Cahalan; sisters-in-law, Lorraine Kennedy and Delores Kennedy.

She was a high school teacher at Port Austin and Port Hope before retiring in 1990. Her retirement was an enjoyable and productive time of her life. She was a member of the Thumb Arts Guild and especially loved painting water colors, portraits and ceramics. She participated in several writing groups, including the Bards of Bird Creek. Chris was active with the Port Austin Area Historical Society and Huron County Historical Society and co-authored several books, including "Life Along the Shoreline" and the award winning book, "Huron County Celebrating 150 Years of Huron County, Michigan". Chris enjoyed her bridge group, Retired Teachers Association and Priscilla Club.

Mass of Christian Burial took place Monday at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Port Austin with burial in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be offered to the Port Austin Area Historical Society