Marian Fern Gerson


Marian Fern Gerson, 86, formerly of Winona died Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2015, at Golden Living Center, Rochester, Minn.

Marian was born May 8, 1928, in Winona, to Edward and Lillian (Gromosky) Kinowski. She graduated from Winona Senior High in 1946. In 1947, she began her employment with the Minnesota Department of Employment Security as an employment service specialist. She retired July 7, 1987, after 40 years of service.

On Sept. 1, 1951, she married Robert Gerson at St. Stanislaus Rectory, Winona, and Bob preceded her in death June 24, 2011. She was a member of St. Casimir Catholic Church, Winona. Marian loved having family close by. She often had family gatherings which included cooking large meals.

She is survived by her children, Peggy (Michael) Brown, Andover, Minn., Patricia (Michael) Schryver, Eyota, Minn. and Jack (Maureen) Gerson, Winona; grandchildren, Jaclyn (Patrick) Popehn, Scott and Jeffrey (Zoya) Brown, Anissa (Matt) Blanshan and Keena Schryver, Daniel, Mark (Kristina), Laura (Matt Grootens), Paul, and Sarah Gerson; great-grandchildren, Dylan and Parker Popehn, Alex Blanshan, Anna and Emma Gerson, and Zedekiah Grootens; a sister, Terese Cooper; three brothers, George, Thomas, and Edward “Ted” Kinowski; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a sister, Margaret Barnes; and three brothers, Wallace “Ben,” Kenneth “Jerry,” and David Kinowski.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Casimir Catholic Church, Winona with the Rev. Chinnappa Pothireddy officiating. Entombment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Winona.

Visitation will be 5:30 to 7 p.m. with the recitation of the rosary at 7 p.m. Friday at Fawcett-Junker Funeral Home, Winona.

Family requests that memorials be directed to St. Jude Children’s Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn., 38105.

Words of sympathy or remembrance may be left at www.fawcett-junkerfuneralhome.com. Services entrusted to Fawcett-Junker Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Winona and Fountain City.