



Alice Kozak

September 10, 1922 - November 22, 2017

Alice Kozak was born on 9/10/1922 to Polish Immigrants Albert and Czeslawa Kubiak in Detroit, Michigan. Albert and Czeslawa immigrated to the U.S. through Ellis Island shortly after 1900 and made a home in Hamtramck, Michigan.

Alice was raised in a devout Catholic family with 6 siblings, (4 sisters and 2 brothers). Following World War II (in 1949) she married a dashing army veteran named Edmund Kozak whose family resided one block from the Kubiaks and consisted of five boys whose Polish parents had also immigrated to America in the early 1900s.

Edmund (everyone called him "Van") and Alice lived a block from parents until 1960 and then constructed a house on 24 Mile Road in what was then farm country and is now suburban Shelby Township. First son Van was born in 1950 followed by son, Dennis in 1952. Both boys were educated in Parochial Schools from kindergarten through High School and Alice drove them each and every day to and from school until they each entered high school. The Kozak family thoroughly enjoyed family get-togethers with the extended family (which eventually included dozens of cousins and over 20 aunts and uncles. Christmas was a mob event with a huge meal. They never missed a wedding, a Christening, a first communion or a funeral. And there were many of them.

In 1961 the family was blessed with a new arrival, Sharon M. Kozak. Sharon loved everyone and everyone loved her. This bundle of love was a Downes Child and Alice cherished her every day of her life as did the rest of the family.

The boys married and moved away to start their own families. Meanwhile Edmund, Alice and Sharon were inseparable and sold the big house and bought a condominium in 1988. They joined St. Therese Parish and lived happily enjoying their close extended family and frequent trips to visit Van and Dennis and their families.

Edmund and Alice celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1999 and less than a year later Edmund went to his reward. Alice and Sharon lived together until the Lord took Sharon in 2010 at 49 years old. The next 4 years were more difficult with health problems beginning to take their toll and Alice reluctantly gave up her independent lifestyle to enter an assisted living apartment in Tillamook Oregon in 2014 at a young 91 years of age. She enjoyed bi weekly visits with her Granddaughter Jennifer and husband Jonathon as well as frequent visits from out of state family on holidays and special occasions. In 2016 she joyously welcomed her third great grandchild Jack.

Alice was a devout Catholic with a special love for the Blessed Mother. She did Novenas when the family ran into a rough spot and a rosary was never far from her hand. She was a strong loving woman who never complained and provided strong compassionate support to anyone who needed it. The world is a much poorer place without her.

Alice peacefully left this world at 7:30 a.m. on November 22, 2017 while holding the hand of her son, Von.

Visitation Friday, December 8, 2017, 3-8:00 p.m. with a Rosary Service at

4:00 p.m. at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc., 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (N. 22 Mile Rd.) Shelby Twp. Funeral Mass will be on Saturday, December 9, 2017, in state at church at 9:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Funeral Mass at St. Therese of Lisieux Church, 48115 Schoenherr Rd. (S. of 22 Mile Rd.) Shelby Twp. Interment at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Twp.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd
Clinton Township, MI 48038
(586) 286-9020

Previous Events

Rosary

DEC 8. 4:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
49150 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315
(586) 532-8600
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

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Instate at Church

DEC 9. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Therese of Lisieux
48115 Schoenherr Rd
Shelby Twp, MI 48315
(586) 254-4433
frontdesk@stthereseeparish.ws
<http://www.stthereseeparish.ws>

Tribute Wall

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“ There is not enough that can be said regarding the sense of loss I have felt since Alice moved from Michigan to Oregon or the sadness I feel over her passing. We have had so many good times and hilarious moments that I could not possibly recount them all. Alice was so strong. She stood by my side with love and compassion and then would look at me and say it was time to pull myself up by my boot straps and move forward. She ALWAYS made me feel at home and she was truly family. Even through the loss of Sharon and my husband we found ways to laugh. I will miss her always and my heart and prayers go out to the family for the loss of this great lady.

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