



## Alice Marie Kulik

May 4, 1928 - July 28, 2016

Alice Marie Kulik was born in Detroit on May 4, 1928, the third of five children of John Smilnak and Elizabeth (Bednar) Smilnak. She grew up in a home that her father built near Van Dyke and Eight Mile Road in Warren. She graduated from Center Line's Busch High School in 1946 and afterwards worked briefly at Crowley's department store followed by Detroit Edison.

Alice met Theodore J. Kulik at a dance at the Vanity Ballroom on Detroit's east side, and they married on October 15, 1949 at St. Nicholas Greek (Byzantine) Catholic Church on East Grand Boulevard. Ted was a Detroit Police officer, and Alice raised the couple's six children in their home on Alcoy in northeast Detroit. She was very active in St. Raymond's Parish, where all of her children went to grade school, serving as president of the Altar Society.

Alice's children and grandchildren brought her great joy. A phone call or visit with Alice always included updates on the various accomplishments of her grandchildren. She attended every event of theirs she was able to. She loved having her grandchildren over for "Camp Grandma" sleepovers where she would put a coloring book and crayons next to each sleeping child so they could keep themselves busy and not disturb others if they woke early.

She established many family traditions which were very important to her. The yearly Pumpkin Patch day was a favorite of hers; a full day that included a trip

to the pumpkin patch followed by lunch and painting the acquired pumpkins at her house.

Her FAVORITE hobby was bowling which she took up at a young age and bowled through most of her life, remaining competitive and participating in bowling leagues (sometimes two at a time) well into her eighties. Even though mechanized pin setters were already commonplace by the 1940s, she recalled visiting an alley that still used “pin boys” to quickly reset the pins for bowlers. While she enjoyed participating in leagues, running the “pickle barrel” jackpot in one, family bowling parties brought her the most joy. She finished her bowling career where it began in the Greek Catholic Union (GCU) Bowling League.

She loved going “all out” to decorate for holidays – decorations adorned EVERY room. She was very proud of her St. Nicholas collection – a connection to her Slovak heritage. She loved to send greeting cards to friends and family for any occasion she could think of. She also enjoyed shopping garage and used book sales.

Alice had very large family which included her six children and their families:  
Karen Kulik, her husband Mike Bukowski, and their children Arthur and Allison (Nick Kadlec)

Kenneth Kulik, his wife Judi and their children Annie and Michael

John Kulik, his wife Patricia, and their children Alexander, Janice (Mike Duker) and Gregory

Raymond Kulik, his wife Julie and their children Kelly and Adam

Mary Kulik and her husband Dean McKaig

Paul Kulik, his wife Sherry and their children Erin and Austin and the late Ashleigh, Emily, and Jack

Her siblings were:

The late Joseph Smilnak and his late wife Marilyn

The late Irene Zacharzewski and her late husband Joseph

John Smilnak and his wife Beatrice

Elizabeth Moncher and her husband James

Other relatives included:

Her late brother-in-law Frank and his late wife Jean

And MANY nieces and nephews

Visitation Thursday 3-9 p.m. with a 7 p.m. Rosary at the Wasik Funeral Home  
49150 Schoenherr Road (N of 22 Mile Road). Instate Friday 9:30 a.m. until  
10:00 a.m. Funeral Mass at St. John Vianney Catholic Church 54045  
Schoenherr Road. Luncheon immediately following in St. John Vianney parish  
hall. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery Monday August 8th at 1:30  
p.m. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at [www.wasikfuneralhome.com](http://www.wasikfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 4. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## Rosary

AUG 4. 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Instate at Church

AUG 5. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John Vianney Church  
54045 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, Mi

## Funeral Mass

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AUG 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Shelby Township, Mi

# Tribute Wall

WT

“ We were neighbors for years back on Giese  
We played cards and shared memories.  
The Tabatowski family feels deep sorrow for the passing of your  
mother.

She was a great lady! Well liked by everyone  
Always very friendly We will keep her in our prayers

love,  
Wanda Tabatowski and family

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Wanda Tabatowski - August 09, 2016 at 11:12 AM

PK

“ Today on this appropriately beautiful day, we lay to rest the "best  
Mother-in-law God created." In case you didn't know, when I asked  
her to consider moving in with us to continue her rehabilitation, she  
didn't hesitate for a second with her "yes, I think that's a good idea."  
Her sons and daughters greatly impressed me with their  
compassion, diligence and love as we all became part of the 'get  
Mom well' team. Most of us were involved beyond our comfort level  
but I have to say none more so than my wonderful husband John;  
he really stepped up. John, Karen and I were with her when she  
passed into the arms of God and we are all truly blessed that she  
felt no pain. She lives on in our hearts and will ever be missed.

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Patricia Kulik - August 08, 2016 at 11:21 AM

DW

“ Alice bowled on our Wednesday afternoon Bowling League "Afternoon Playgirls". She was one great lady we all loved her. She was always happy & upbeat. I would call & talk to her but then I left messages but never heard from her 🙏 Rest in Peace, Alice. Donna West

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**Donna West** - August 05, 2016 at 03:36 PM

TG

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Alice's passing. I was lucky to have her as a team mate at Imperial Lanes. She always had a smile and talked so much about her family, she was one awesome lady! Keep your memories close to your heart! Your family will be kept in my prayers.

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**Tammy Gosse** - August 05, 2016 at 03:32 PM

GS

“ Dear Paul:  
Please accept my sympathy upon the passing of your mother.  
George Skrettas

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**George Skrettas** - August 04, 2016 at 09:21 PM

JB

“ It was always nice talking with Karen's Mom when the Kulik and Bukowski families shared a gathering at Karen & Mike's home. Our Mom, Dorothy Bukowski, really enjoyed her company. Our sincerest condolences go out to Karen, Mike, Arthur, Allison, and the entire Kulik family, on the loss of Alice, a beautiful Mom and Grandmother.

*Eternal Rest Grant Unto Alice and May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her. May Her Soul and All the Souls of the Faithful Departed Rest in Peace.*

*Your family is in our daily prayers,*

*John Bukowski and Theresa Pellerito*

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**John Bukowski** - August 04, 2016 at 07:19 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alice Marie Kulik.



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August 01, 2016 at 06:09 PM

MR

“ Karen and family, so sorry to hear about your mom. I am out of town and unable to attend, but wanted to share my condolences on the passing of your mom. May your cherished memories of her live on forever.

*Marge Rama*

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**marge rama** - July 31, 2016 at 10:18 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alice Marie Kulik.*



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July 30, 2016 at 05:41 PM



“ *Ken, Judy, Mike and Annie. I just noticed your note on Facebook learning of mom's passing. I will share the news with Greg and Sue and Dale and Marion. We are praying for the repose of her soul and for you at this time of sorrow. We are with you in spirit. Cliff and Jeanette*

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**Cliff Houser** - July 30, 2016 at 05:07 PM



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**Michael Kulik** - July 30, 2016 at 04:12 PM



“ *Michael Kulik lit a candle in memory of Alice Marie Kulik*



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**Michael Kulik** - July 30, 2016 at 04:10 PM

BM

“ *All of our love to a WONDERFUL SISTER, WE WILL ALWAYS MISS YOU.*

*MAY JESUS ALWAYS HOLD YOU CLOSE. BETTY AND JIM*

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**Betty Moncher** - July 30, 2016 at 11:31 AM