



Catherine Smetanka

October 5, 1921 - February 4, 2011

Catherine C. Smetanka, of Sterling Heights, passed away Friday, February 4, 2011 at the age of 89. Catherine was born October 5, 1921 in Detroit, Michigan. Loving wife of the late Joseph. Dearest mother of Joseph (Vickie), Robert (Julene), Richard (Kathy) and Rev. Gary T. Smetanka. Proud grandmother of Beth (Wally) Christel, Mike, Bryan, Kenny Lawrence, Kyle Lawrence and Derrick (Rachael) Moore. Dear sister of the late Genevieve McKay, Joseph Zelenak and Edward Zelenak. Dear sister in law of Geraldine Zelenak and Irene Zelenak. Catherine is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady Star of the Sea
467 Fairford Road
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI

Service

FEB 7. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Fr. Gary,
I am sorry to learn about your loss.
She was such a spry person and fun to visit at Henry Ford.
take care.
Robin Warchol###imported-begin##Robin Warchol###imported-end##

February 21, 2011 at 11:15 PM



“ Dear Joe, Bob, Rich and Fr. Gary,
Dale and I are so sorry for your loss and that we aren't able to be
there today. Aunt Catherine was a special lady who will always be in
our hearts.
Our prayers are with you all,
Dale and Kathy###imported-begin##Kathy Kornosky###imported-
end##

February 07, 2011 at 01:28 PM



“ Father Gary,
Sorry to hear the sad news of the passing of your mother. Please
accept our deepest sympathy. She will be in our prayers. On a
personal note, I have also lost my mother, and more recently lost
my wife, Marge after 51 years of marriage. Each of us need to find
our own way to deal with death of a loved one, and you also will find
a way. If we can help, please call. BillQ###imported-begin##William
S. Quinlan###imported-end##

February 07, 2011 at 11:46 AM



“ Dear Fr. Gary, I'm so sorry to hear of your dear Mothers death. She was a wonderful person and always spoke of her "Gary" with love and affection. I know you were always very devoted to her and will miss her dearly.

Love,

Peg##imported-begin##Peg Elwarner##imported-end##

February 07, 2011 at 11:01 AM



“ To the family of Catherine Smetanka (especially Fr. Gary)so sorry for the loss of your dear mother. I am a member of St. Thecla's parish and met your mother when Fr. Gary was pastor. She was a dear sweet lady. You are all in my prayers for I know we are never totally prepared for the loss. I too just loss my husband in November so I know how difficult it can be. Take care.##imported-begin##Mrs. Mary Hartmus##imported-end##

February 06, 2011 at 03:02 PM