



Dolores H. Rutkowski

June 15, 1927 - April 4, 2019

Dolores H. Rutkowski passed away on Thursday, April 4, 2019, at the age of 91, at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was born June 15, 1927 to Harold A. and Helen (Malinowski) Senova in Detroit. She met her love of her life and married Zigmund on June 28, 1952 at the Stanislaus Church in Detroit. Beloved wife of the late Zigmund of 49 loving years. Loving mother of Sandra Hansen. Loving and proud grandmother of Ryan Hansen and his Fiancée Carrie Smead. Dear mother in law of James Hansen. Visitation will be on Monday from 10:00 a.m. until a 12:00 p.m. funeral service at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc., 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (N. of 22 Mile Rd.) Shelby Township.

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W. 10 Mile Rd
Southfield, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
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Shelby Township, MI 48315
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Funeral Service

APR 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dolores H. Rutkowski.* ”



April 07, 2019 at 11:02 AM



“ Oh Grandma.... I don't know what to say about losing you. You have been a constant and figure of strength for me for the last 40 years. I have so many awesome memories of you, I don't know where to start. From visiting my elementary school as a little kid, writing me a letter every week while I was away at college, taking me out to lunch, going fishing, buying me my first computer (Commodore 64), taking me to the doctor, watching me perform in Willy Wonka, coming to my graduations.... you were always there when I needed you.

You also had sage advice that I will always take with me. "If you don't have cash, you can't afford to buy it." "If you move something in the house, you have to put it back where it belongs right away (Grandma used the Polish word for this, "porządek"). Grandma lived a very frugal life, but always looked forward and made sound decisions with buying and selling several houses in Detroit, then moving to Chesterfield, and then finally to St. George Tower where she spent her last 26 years: making friends, making a lot of coffee, eating lots of ice cream, giving away food and supplies and playing cards each night with the ladies - probably causing some trouble - and having a pretty content life.

Grandma also had a very silly / funny side too - that she sometimes put on display. When her apartment community experienced a rash of vehicle thefts, she placed duct tape over the "taurus" logo on her Ford. That way potential criminals wouldn't know what kind of vehicle they were targeting! It was awesome!

Despite facing challenges as any of us do, Grandma never complained or felt sorry for herself - even right up to the very end. I will take her strength with me and hold my memories of her close for the rest of my life.

I love you Grandma and I will never forget your generosity, inner strength, and spirit you shared with everyone you met!

*Love always,
Grandson Ryan*

Ryan Hansen - April 07, 2019 at 10:53 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dolores H. Rutkowski.*



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 Carrie
Ann

“ *Though I didn't get to spend a very long time with her, Grandma Dolores will always hold a special place in my heart. She was an amazing grandmother to my fiance' Ryan and played a major role and helping him to become the wonderful man he is today. She also welcomed me into the family with many kind words and lots of advice.*

I was very happy that we could also share our two wonderful dogs with her. She loved them very much, especially her favorite little man, Noah. They helped to bring her some comfort and joy. Rest in peace grandma.



Carrie Ann - April 06, 2019 at 07:41 PM

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“ I will truly miss my aunt. Her vibrant spirit, strength during difficult times and positive attitude will be forever in my heart.

Donna Puchalski - April 06, 2019 at 07:58 AM



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Ryan Hansen - April 06, 2019 at 07:34 AM