



## Frances Smetanka

July 19, 1926 - March 11, 2022

Frances Smetanka (95) passed peacefully from the loving embrace of her family into the arms of her Heavenly Father on 11 March 2022. Beloved wife for 59 years of the late John and loving mother of John, Joyce (Fred) Campbell, and Joanne (the late Dennis) Rohrs. Frances was devoted to her family, and her smile, laughter, and mother's love and guidance will be missed greatly. Everyone who knew her will always remember her kindness and generosity. She was devoted to the Blessed Mother, Saint Padre Pio, and Blessed Solanus Casey and prayed to them daily. The family is deeply grateful to dear friends and caregivers for the love, support, and care they provided these past months. Family will receive relatives and friends at Wasik Funeral Home, Inc., 49150 Schoenherr Rd, Shelby Township, Michigan, on Tuesday, 15 March 2022, from 2:00-8:00pm. A rosary will be prayed at 6:00pm followed by a vigil service and eulogy at 7:00pm. A Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated on Wednesday, 16 March 2022, at 10:00a.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan. Instate before the Mass begins Wednesday at 9:30am. Interment at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in Frances's memory be sent to support Capuchin Soup Kitchens, <https://www.cskdetroit.org/more-than-about-food>, and the Bone Health and Osteoporosis Foundation <https://www.bonehealthandosteoporosis.org>.

"Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home."

(Amazing Grace, by John Newton)

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 15.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Rosary

**MAR 15.** 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Scripture Service

MAR 15. 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

MAR 16. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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

## Funeral Mass

MAR 16. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Franny was a dear aunt, where we had lots of great family reunions and visits over the past years. I remember playing with my cousins at their house and Aunt Franny was always making us something to eat. When we were little, the "Smetanka" reunions in Michigan were always the Best !! My Sincere Sympathy and Condolences to my cousins, John, Joanne and Joyce. Love you, Kathy Lively

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**Kathy Lively** - March 21, 2022 at 03:14 PM

JG

“ Our family has lost a very special Aunt. My deepest sympathies go out to the Smetanka family. Our Catholic upbringing has taught us about faith in God. This is our test, knowing that Aunt Fran is in heaven with the Lord. We will miss you, but we will remember her always in our minds, and in our hearts. Thank you for allowing us to share in this celebration of life through the years.

*Joseph & Kathy Gavulic*

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**Joseph G Gavulic** - March 16, 2022 at 03:48 PM

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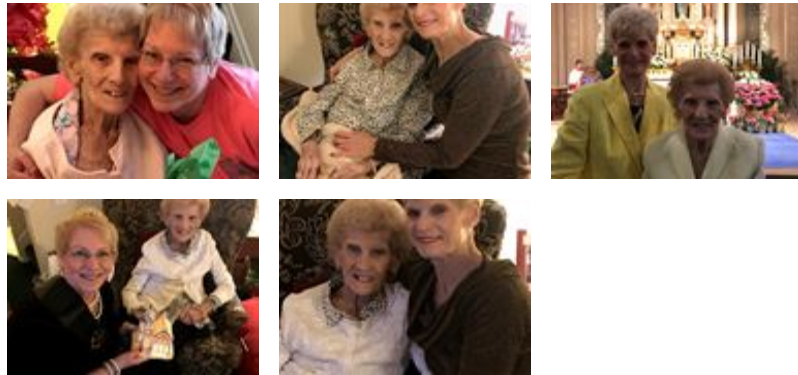
“ On behalf of the Capuchin brothers I offer my deepest sympathies on the passing of Frances. It is truly humbling to receive memorial donations in honor of her life. Please be assured of the brother's prayers for the entire Smetanka family during this great time of grief. May perpetual light shine upon Frances.

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**Br Nick Blattner Ofm Capuchin** - March 15, 2022 at 12:30 PM



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**Wasik Funeral Home, Inc.** - March 15, 2022 at 11:58 AM



“ *Joanne, Joyce and John Sending you my love and heartfelt condolences on the death of your mom. She prayed to my favorites also. I hold your family in my heart today and tomorrow as I am unable to come to viewing and services.....*

*Karen Schenavar*

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**Karen Schenavar** - March 15, 2022 at 11:28 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Frances Smetanka.*



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March 15, 2022 at 04:37 AM