



Helen D. Kozacki

August 4, 1924 - March 20, 2026

Helen Kozacki, age 101, passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of faith, tradition, and deep devotion to her family.

Born on August 4, 1924, in Detroit, Michigan, Helen spent her life in Hamtramck and Eastpointe, where she remained closely connected to her Polish heritage and community.

Helen was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Edward Kozacki; her children, Thomas Kozacki and Christine Schneider; and her son-in-law, Kurt Schneider.

She is lovingly remembered by her grandchildren: Paul Schneider (wife Melina, children Victoria and Carlos), Mary Schneider (husband David, children Walker, Zachary, and Phoebe), and Erik Schneider (wife Sarah, son Kurt). She took immense pride in her family and especially cherished her great-grandchildren, whose accomplishments she celebrated with joy and enthusiasm.

A proud Polish American, Helen was bilingual and deeply rooted in her traditions. She was an accomplished home chef and baker, known especially for her Polish cooking, which brought family together for countless meals and holidays. She faithfully upheld cherished traditions, honoring both her heritage

and her faith.

Helen was a devoted Catholic whose faith guided every aspect of her life. She was an active member of her church, dedicating her time to the Ladies Guild. Known for her sharp mind and talent with numbers, she was trusted and respected by all who knew her.

She was also a gifted seamstress, creating beautiful clothing for her family over the years. Her creativity and attention to detail were evident in everything she made.

Helen will be remembered for her strength, unwavering faith, and deep love of family. Her life was a testament to devotion, resilience, and the importance of keeping faith and family at the center of all things.

She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Family and friends will gather Friday, March 27, 2026 beginning at 9:30 am until the time of her Funeral Mass at 10 am at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church, 38750 Ryan Road (south of 17 Mile Road) Sterling Heights. Helen will be interred next to her husband in Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to assist with funeral expenses may be directed to Mary Schneider.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48035

Previous Events

Instate in church

MAR 27. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish
38750 Ryan Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48310

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

BM

“ Dear Mary, It's been 25+ years since we were connected. My daughters, Karen and Michelle were your fellow Wavel PNA Polish dancers. And on several occasions you and Karen were partners. I belong to St. Jane Frances de Chantal parish and received an email that is sent to parishioners for funerals. When reading your grandmother's obituary, I did some research and realized this was your family. So sorry to hear of your mom's passing this past January. She was such a huge part of our dance group costumes. My condolences for you and your family on the loss of your grandmother. I'm out of town or otherwise I would have attended her funeral Mass this Friday. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Hope we're able to reconnect.

Barbara Milczynski - March 23 at 04:08 PM

RH

“ Helen was a great neighbor for over 30 years. When our kids were younger, at Halloween Helen made them special little treat bags. She often shared baked goods with us; she kept baking even after it got difficult for her. We will miss her.

Rita Harning - March 22 at 08:35 PM

MS

“ Helen was so warm and welcoming. I loved talking to her about her life. I'm praying for all of you. I will have a mass said for her this week. Love you !

Mary Schneider - March 22 at 08:11 AM

MA

“ *My grandma and I*



Mary - March 22 at 05:01 AM

RH

Great photo!

Rita Harning - March 22 at 08:36 PM