



Joanne Mulawa

October 25, 1920 - November 10, 2019

There is so much to say about someone so special who lived a full 99 years and 16 days. Joanne loved to tell stories of how it was when she was young, living in Detroit, experiencing the war, the depression, the exciting, growth years in the city, etc. She had various jobs but the one she proudly says was her favorite was being a Secretary at Burroughs Corporation that began when she was widowed at 50 until she retired at 65.

She was “styling” always, getting her hair done regularly. As life went on she loved to fill her days clipping coupons and shopping for the best deals. She was a sharp, competitive card player, loved bingo and winning prizes, doing crafts, gardening and being with friends. She always made sure she took her vitamins and did all she could to stay as healthy and pain-free as possible... and it all worked! She loved her family and had so many years to be involved with her grandchildren as well as great-grandchildren. She made friends everywhere she was and outlived most of them!

She adoringly smiled as she sang “Sto lat” and blew out candles on her 99th birthday just a few weeks ago. And she felt so good when she got her hair done just a few days before she passed away, per the beautiful photo you see here in her obituary, coined “hairdo to heaven”.

Joanne M. Mulawa, beloved wife of the late George. Loving mother of Gary (the late Joyce) Mulawa, Kathleen (James) Newbold and Jacqueline Bracken. Proud grandmother of Michael Mulawa, Karen (Joseph) Cockell, John Mulawa, Stacey (Joseph) Colliton, Heather (Sean) Buback, Cheryl Sage and

Richard Bracken, Jr. Also proud great grandmother of Emily and Joey, Chase and Luke, Izabel and Wyatt, Brendan and Braylon, and Megan. Dear sister of the late Mildred (Edward) Kus, Earl (Dolly) Dopke, Ralph (Jean) Dopke.

Visitation Friday, November 22, 3-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. Rosary at the Wasik Funeral Home, 11470 Thirteen Mile Road (w. of Hoover) Warren. Instate Saturday, November 23, 10 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Faustina Catholic Church, 14025 Twelve Mile Road (east of Schoenherr) Warren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:

Heartland Hospice Care, 3840 Packard Road, Suite 260, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 or to the Veterans Support Center of Michigan, 44444 Mound Road, Suite 100, Sterling Heights, MI 48314. Or online at www.yourvapension.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Warren
11470 Thirteen Mile Road
Warren, MI 48093
(586) 751-3131
warren@wasikfuneralhome.com

Rosary

NOV **22**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Instate at Church

NOV **23**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Faustina Parish
14025 12 Mile Rd
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Funeral Liturgy

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Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest sympathy to the entire family. Joanne was one of a kind. I received the biggest blessing when we became friends and she shared her life stories with me over the course of many, many years. Joanne ultimately also became my " personal secretary" when she assisted me in recording residents blood pressures at a blood pressure clinic I ran weekly at the assisted living facility in which she lived. She told me it was one of the best "unpaid" jobs she ever had, and she impressed me week after week in her organizational skills and kind demeanor toward all of the residents that came to us voluntarily. At this age of 97, she was able to still show fantastic penmanship and patience. Being with her each week, just brightened my day as she always greeted me in the lobby with a smile, dressed to the nine, ready to work:) She will be missed by so many and I pray that one day, I may possess all the qualities that I saw in Joanne. Much love and sympathy to all that knew this wonderful child of God.

Stephanie Espinoza - November 17, 2019 at 11:38 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Joanne Mulawa. She was an angel among us and was rewarded a long and healthy life from God and He now has a new assignment for her. Thanks for being such a beautiful influence and part of my life. God bless you for eternity.
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richard bracken - November 15, 2019 at 09:27 AM

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“ *My deepest sympathy to Ms. Mulawa's family. May they find peace and comfort in remembering the love and care shown to their mother and grandmother during difficult times as she grew older. God Bless you. Barb Haase*

Barb Haase - November 14, 2019 at 09:12 AM