



Josephine Angeline Curzenski

September 19, 1926 - February 3, 2019

Josephine Angeline Curzenski gained her angel wings on February 3, 2019, at the age of 92. She is preceded in death by her husband, John Curzenski, her parents, Michael and Mary Dotski, and 9 brothers and sisters. Josephine is survived by her three children, Gary (Betty), Christine, and Michael (Julie), and 4 grandchildren, Gary Jr. (Laura), Craig, Matthew (Laurie), and Amy, and brother Edward.

Josephine, or to those who knew her best, simply “Jo” was born on a dairy farm in Cheboygan, Michigan on September 19, 1926. She learned hard work from a young age and was a trait she carried throughout her life. She enjoyed telling stories about the olden days on the farm, the theme was always the same: although it was a lot of work, they also had a lot of fun times. A favorite story she enjoyed telling, especially around the holidays, is when the farm got electricity on Christmas Eve in 1932, when Josephine was six. She walked her to one-room school, where she completed all of her schooling, up until the eighth grade. Although she never went to high school, she was one of the sharpest and smartest people you could meet. She was a daily newspaper reader and could converse with anyone, on any subject.

At the age of fifteen, Josephine moved to Detroit to start a new life in the city. Although she would always be a farm girl at heart, she didn't want to live on the farm all her life. At this time, Josephine worked as a waitress, at several

different places, including the Book Cadillac Hotel in Detroit. Josephine never wrote the orders down and could remember what everyone had ordered perfectly. She eventually worked at the GM Tech Center in the executive dining room, where she was a favorite waitress among the diners.

On June 14, 1947, Josephine married the love of her life, John Curzenski, a World War II veteran, from Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania. The wedding took place at the Sacred Heart Church in Cheboygan, Michigan, with the reception held at the farm. John and Josephine made their home together in Detroit where they raised their three children, Gary, Christine, and Michael. In 1964, they moved to Warren and this is where Josephine would spend her days until her passing.

Josephine loved to cook and bake and was especially famous for her homemade apple pies. She loved gardening, picking strawberries, dancing the polka at family weddings and Polish festivals, and simply always wanted to be busy. One of her favorite hobbies was cleaning, strange I know. When she did have a spare moment, she enjoyed watching the evening news and her beloved Detroit Tigers, especially her “boyfriend” Miguel Cabrera.

Josephine was known for her strong faith and enjoyed going to church and for many years attended daily mass at St. Sylvester’s in Warren. Many knew of Josephine’s strong faith and she was asked many times to pray for many different people.

However, what Josephine loved most in the world was her beloved family. There was nothing that could make her happier than to spend time with her family, especially her grandchildren. In true grandma fashion, she would brag about all the accomplishments of her grandchildren to anyone who would listen.

There wasn't a person Josephine met that wasn't touched by her beautiful smile and kind soul. She made an impact on everyone she met and the greatest compliment that could be given would be, "you remind me of Josephine". They say it's not the numbers chiseled in concrete, but how someone lives their lives in the dash between and there isn't a person who didn't live a better life in the dash between their numbers.

Visitation will take place at Wasik Funeral Home, 49150 Schoenherr Rd, Shelby, MI 48315 on Friday, February 8 from 3:00 – 8:00 pm, with a rosary service at 7:00 pm. Josephine will lie in state at St. Martin de Porres, 31515 Hoover Rd, Warren, MI 48093 on Saturday, February 9 at 10:30 am until the time of service at 11:00 am. Josephine will be laid to rest at Resurrection Cemetery following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Instate at Church

FEB 9. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Martin de Porres
31555 Hoover
Warren, Mi

Funeral Mass

FEB 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Martin de Porres
31555 Hoover
Warren, Mi

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *My grandma joe was a very kind , spiritual , wonderful person. I was very lucky to have her in my life. So many great memories when I was a child. Spending summers over grandpa John & grandma joes home in warren mi. All of the easters , Christmas , thanksgiving , holidays. God bless her. She is truly an angel. With love , Matthew.*

matthew curzenski - April 13, 2020 at 02:25 PM

RZ

“ *Just like home-what beautiful pictures, I see love all around you. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time and always! Renee Zima*



Renee Zima - February 08, 2019 at 09:18 PM

CC

Renee, you are such a beautiful friend and I am truly blessed with our friendship. My family and I thankyou so much for your love, support, and prayers, and for attending the mass for my grandma today. Your kindness is a wonderful gift and really means so much to me. Craig

Craig Curzenski - February 10, 2019 at 02:00 AM

PV

“ *Chris & Family, sorry for your loss of your Dear Mom. She was a Beautiful Lady inside and out. God Bless all of you at this difficult time. Paula & Mike VandenBoom*



Paula VandeBoom - February 08, 2019 at 02:36 PM



“ 80 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - February 08, 2019 at 10:08 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Josephine Angeline Curzenski.



February 07, 2019 at 10:42 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Josephine Angeline Curzenski.



February 07, 2019 at 12:06 AM

JO

“ Aunt Josiphen was described exactly as I remember her. She was gracious, pleasant, non assuming, and was agreeable with most anything she was presented with. I have fond memories of the summers I spent with her and my Uncle John on Douglas Lake. Life was simple, enjoyable and primarily focused on family. I truly remember Aunt Josephine as someone to be admired as compassiate,common sense individual who projected her beauty through her personality, humor, and her concern for others. May she Rest In Peace and may her family find comfort in the memories she was able to provide to them.
Jim and Bonnie Onembo

James Onembo - February 06, 2019 at 06:32 PM

CH

“ Jo was like a second mom for me. She was such a sweetie. I have fond memories of the time spent with her and Chris. She will always be in my thoughts and prayers. Love her
carleen

Carleen Hentosh - February 05, 2019 at 02:27 PM

JV

“ So thankful that Grandma Josephine was able to live such a long and wonderful life, filled with those she loved the most. There are countless memories she has with her loved ones and she was certainly most loved by them, a true testament to her great character. Thank you for loving hard and allowing your loved ones to love just as much. Thankful to have been a recipient of that branch of love through her granddaughter, Amy!

Jencita Vargas - February 04, 2019 at 10:13 PM

RB

“ *Ron And Pat Bur lit a candle in memory of Josephine Angeline Curzenski*



Ron and Pat Bur - February 04, 2019 at 08:42 PM

GP

“ *Gloria Prykucki lit a candle in memory of Josephine Angeline Curzenski*



Gloria Prykucki - February 04, 2019 at 07:39 PM

SD

“ *Aunt Jo will be greatly missed. She was such a sweet, kind lady. I know she meant a lot to my husband Paul and I. She will never be forgotten.*

Love,

Paul & Susan Dotski

Susan A Dotski - February 04, 2019 at 04:41 PM

BS

“ *I never met her but for the past 4 years I've grown so close to Amy and heard so many stories about her grandma. I wish we could have met but maybe now she can see me and put a face to Amy's stories. I know how much she meant to her and for that she means the world to me. Love, Bianca*

Bianca Szklaruk - February 04, 2019 at 04:37 PM

GE

“ Sue and I send along our deepest sympathy Chris to you and your family. Your Mom was a joyful lady beyond any imagination. We loved her now and will always! Cherishing the times and events and prayers together!! May God welcome her to his heavenly banquet! God bless you.

George & Sue Eichorn - February 04, 2019 at 04:31 PM

DJ

“ We will miss a very special Lady. Josephine live her life as a TRUE follower of Christ. Her Faith-Family & Friends meant more to her than materials money could buy. Bog Zaplac.



Deacon Marion Jurewicz - February 04, 2019 at 03:02 PM