



## Lillian J. Grates

March 18, 1929 - September 14, 2013

Lillian J. Grates of Warren passed away on September 14, 2013, at the age of 84, at St. John Macomb Hospital. She was born on March 18, 1929 to John and Anna (nee Rusin) Krzanowski in Detroit. Beloved wife of the late Harry Grates. Loving mother of Harry E. Grates. Survived by her sister, Jean Wisniewski. Lillian is survived by many cherished nieces, nephews and dear friends. Proud graduate of Pershing High School class of 1947. Lillian retired from the Burroughs Corporation (Unisys).

# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady of Lake Huron Cemetery

413 S 1st  
Harbor Beach, MI 48441

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 17. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

SEP 18. 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Warren, MI 48093  
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## Scripture Service

SEP 18. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Instate at Church

SEP 19. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Louise de Marillac Catholic Church  
2500 E. 12 Mile Road  
Warren, MI 48092

## Funeral Mass

SEP 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Graveside Service

SEP 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

HG

“ Mom -- I will always love you -- Harry

Harry E. Grates - October 09, 2013 at 11:11 AM

JA

“ Harry, so many emotions fill my heart because of a lifetime of memories that keep replaying like a movie over and over through my mind. I keep hearing her words of advice and comfort, remembering things we laughed about, and just so many other memories too numerous to mention but I know you understand. How unbelievably sad it is to lose someone so precious to us all, but she would be the first one to say that we have to go on. The brightness of her spirit burned more brightly than anyone could ever measure up to. Father was right when he said she truly knew the meaning of "Love" because she lived it every day and with all of us she touched.

All my love, Auntie Lilly! (Janis)

Janis - September 20, 2013 at 11:27 AM

JC

“ Our deepest condolences to Harry and family. Lil was one of my most favorite hair clients and friend. She was so kind and sweet and always brought Pirogis for me at the salon...What a deep hole without her smile and gentle nature. She always was so considerate and loving as a person and such a gentle soul. Rest in Peace dear lady. We are so blessed to have known you and I know you sit at the hand of God. God Bless.



jean cyrulewski - September 19, 2013 at 04:01 PM

CK

“ Lillian was such a kind, loving, wonderful woman. We always looked forward to her coming for her visits w/ Dr. Carole Kowalczyk. She even used to bring us homemade pierogis around Easter. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of her family and friends. She will be greatly missed by all that had the pleasure of knowing her.

Love,  
Dr. Carole Kowalczyk and Staff

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Carole Kowalczyk - September 19, 2013 at 02:49 PM

LB

“ Your mom was a warm and gracious lady who enjoyed life. Now your mom and dad are together watching over you from Heaven. My deepest sympathy to you on such a great loss.

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Lucia Bednarek - September 18, 2013 at 11:14 PM

MW

“ I will miss your mom Harry! She was a very dear and special person and my mom and dad were so fond of her. The cottage won't be the same without them!

Margaret and Dave Williams and all of Sam Gay's family

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margaret williams - September 18, 2013 at 07:36 PM

MP

“ Harry, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are sorry to hear that your mother Lillian has passed away. Parents are treasures whose memories will last forever within us. Find comfort in knowing that Lillian is with our Lord. May she rest in peace.

Michael and Denise Pachla

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Michael Pachla - September 18, 2013 at 05:55 PM

KT

“ *Lillian and Harry are the best neighbors anyone could ask for. Lillian was like a Grandma to my four children she always made sure to give them a card for their birthdays and gift bags for the holidays and other stuff too. She loved watching and hearing them play out in the back yard they brought joy to her but we are the lucky one to have had her in our lives she will be greatly miss by us and everyone she knew. May you rest in peace ...with love*  
*Ed,Krista,Nicole,Sara,Nikolas,Ethan*



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**Krista Turonek** - September 18, 2013 at 05:07 PM

LC

“ *My beautiful loving Godmother. Always in my heart, always a part of me. Words cannot express the feeling of loss that so many feel at your passing. I know you are at peace and you will always be with us. Your son had an awesome mother and friend. I treasure your recipes and all the wonderful memories of years gone by. I've thought of you often and will always think of you and your Harry's.*  
*Love, Linda*

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**Linda Cendro** - September 18, 2013 at 04:55 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Lillian J. Grates.*



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September 18, 2013 at 10:35 AM

RD

“ Lillian you will be missed by the Dreslinski family we came a long way together. May You Rest In Peace.



Rita Dreslinski - September 17, 2013 at 10:54 PM

VG

“ Harry and family, We could not ask for better neighbors , kind hearted , A wonderful loving grandmother to my grandchildren , Your mom always loved watching the kids play and the puppies too , she praised my daughter and her husband saying they had a wonderful family ! I know she will be missed very much an I know she will still be smiling an watch over the kids as they grow up! Love always to our Angel Lillian . Love Ken, Vonnie an family .

Vonnie gniazdoski - September 17, 2013 at 08:25 PM

ST

“ Susan Greene Tremberth lit a candle in memory of Lillian J. Grates



Susan Greene Tremberth - September 17, 2013 at 08:16 PM

TC

“ Truly one of the nicest, dearest women I have ever know. You will be greatly missed Aunt Lil.

Tracey Carillo - September 17, 2013 at 08:15 PM

VG

“ *Vonnie Gniazdoski lit a candle in memory of Lillian J. Grates*



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**Vonnie gniazdoski** - September 17, 2013 at 08:11 PM

MN

“ *What a wonderful Mother you have Harry,,I will surely miss her little notes and phone calls to me., she was always so upbeat and friendly,,one of the nicest ladies I have ever known. She is an angel watching over you forever. She would tell me stories of days gone by with my mother and her brothers and sisters.. Love and Bless Marlene & Patrick*

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**Marlene Naughton** - September 17, 2013 at 12:23 PM

SF

“ *Auntie Lilly will be missed. I always loved the Christmas gatherings and time at the lake house. Such a sweet women!*

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**Scott Fleming** - September 17, 2013 at 12:07 PM

SA

“ *One of my favorite memories of Aunt Lil is how she would teach us polish swear words when we were kids and tell us all about the Purple Heart Gangs of Detroit. She will be missed dearly...*

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**Samantha** - September 17, 2013 at 12:06 PM

SF

“ Suzette Smith & Family lit a candle in memory of Lillian J. Grates



Suzette Smith & family - September 17, 2013 at 11:19 AM

SS

*She will be Deeply missed*

Suzette Smith - September 17, 2013 at 11:21 AM

AK

“ With deep condolences to you Hirus. Virginia (Iza) Strzelczyk.



Anna H. Kruk - September 17, 2013 at 09:24 AM

SH

“ Great Aunt Lilly. Thank you for being so nice and sweet, and keeping the family together. I will miss your love of life, your smile and your kind heart. I will miss when I come to see you, you are always feeding me a banquet and saying sorry I don't have a lot of food-LOL... You are the greatest and now I feel I have one more angel looking out for me. I love you dearly.  
Shelly Krzanowski Hayden

Shelly Krzanowski Hayden - September 17, 2013 at 09:15 AM

SH

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**Shelly Krzanowski Hayden** - September 17, 2013 at 09:10 AM

CV

“ *She is with the most high God and is at peace. No more sorrow, no more pain. Jesus be with the Family and give you peace and great love.*

*carole vogt(wojciechowski)*

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**carole vogt** - September 17, 2013 at 05:35 AM

RF

“ *What a beautiful, loving woman. She made me feel like family from the very beginning.*

*She will be missed as deeply as she was loved.*

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**Rick Galvan and Family** - September 16, 2013 at 10:14 PM



Angelina  
Greene

“ *Aunt Lil will be greatly missed. We all loved her so much. Such a sweet person and always thinking of others. Words cannot describe the sadness we feel.*

*Ron and Angelina Greene and family.*

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**Angelina Greene** - September 16, 2013 at 08:20 AM

CS

“ I always laugh at the time Aunt Lil got back to back speeding tickets and she says to the cop.. "what is this..pick on old ladies week" and the cop actually writes that on the ticket. :)

carol spieg - September 16, 2013 at 08:05 AM

CS

“ Carol Spieg lit a candle in memory of Lillian J. Grates



carol spieg - September 16, 2013 at 07:54 AM

KJ

“ Kathy Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Lillian J. Grates



Kathy Jenkins - September 15, 2013 at 08:54 PM

KJ

*I will miss Lillian so very much. She was a beautiful, kind woman with the most loving heart. Rest in peace, dear lady. Make some delicious perogies for the other angels in heaven.*

Kathy Jenkins - September 16, 2013 at 10:25 AM

HH

“ I worked with Lillian for 20 years at Burroughs and then Unisys Corporation. She was the best person to work with. She always had a joke and the laughter for everyone she came in contact with. I will miss her Birthday Card and Lottery ticket she sent to me every year. I will remember her smile and happy attitude that she had everyday. I know God was ready for her to come home. God speed. Hannah Holman

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**Hannah Holman** - September 15, 2013 at 06:02 PM