



Lillian M. Kortas

February 28, 1923 - April 9, 2005

Mrs. Kortas was an avid bingo player and a faithful fan of the Detroit Tigers. She made Doll dresses for St. Malachy Church and the Goodfellows and Crocheted Blankets for the Leukemia Society.

KORTAS, LILLIAN (NEE KRAJEWSKI), DEVOTED WIFE OF THE LATE BENJAMIN, LOVING MOTHER OF 16 CHILDREN: LEOCADIA (MIKE) MESSER, BENEDICT (PAT), WALTER (SUE), ROBERT (FRAN), DAVID (NANCY), MARY ANN (RICHARD) BRYLEWSKI, STEPHANIE BALINSKI, MARGARET (GLENN) SZCZESNIAK, THERESA KORTAS, LEONARD (SHARON) CHRISTINE (MARTIN) LEONKA, CATHERINE PATTERSON, CAROL ANN (MICHAEL) OLIVERIO, JOSEPHINE SCHNIEDER, PATRICK (LAURIE), BARBARA (JOHN) PONCZOCHA. DOTING GRANDMOTHER OF 44: DEBORAH, BETH, ROBERTA, GLEN, LYNNETTE, ANTHONY, DAWN, KRISTEN, WALTER, DAVID, MARK, ROBERT, NICOLE, PHILIP, LISA, AMBER, JASON, JAMIE, MICHAEL, CHRYSTAL, STACEY, RAYMOND, CYNTHIA, BARRY, ROXANNE, KRISTIE, SARAH, LEONARD, JOHN, KENNETH, KEVIN, MELANIE, MELISA, BRANDON, JACOB, ANTHONY, MATTHEW, JOSEPH, KATELYN, SAMATHA, MADISON, ADAM, AMANDA, ANDREW AND 38 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. PRE-DECEASED BY HER PARENTS, FRANK AND LILLIAN KRAJEWSKI AND BROTHERS, WILLIAM AND MARTIN. SURVIVED BY SISTERS, GERTRUDE DETKOWSKI, ROSE

(HARRY) KARPINSKI, AND ELENOR KRAJEWSKI AND BROTHERS,
RICHARD (ANGELINE) FRANCIS (SHARON) AND ROBERT (GRACE).

Previous Events

Service

APR **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Malachy
14115 East Fourteen Mile Rd
Sterling Heights, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Theresa & family,
Sorry we couldn't be with you but you have our deepest sympathy.
I remember all the fond memories of your mom when we were
growing up on Horton. She was the sweetest & kindest lady. She
will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.
Paula###imported-begin##Paula (Goble) & Brian Wark###imported-
end##

April 21, 2005 at 03:12 PM



“ Theresa,
I was so sorry to hear about your loss. I work at Bullseye now with
Robert Jeffers and he shared this website with me. I just wanted
you to know you are in our thoughts & prayers. Take
care.###imported-begin##Terri (Wood) Dean###imported-end##

April 15, 2005 at 02:44 PM



“ Grandma, we take comfort knowing you will always be there to
watch over us. God bless you.###imported-begin##Glen Angela
Jordan and Austin###imported-end##

April 15, 2005 at 12:21 PM



“ I have so many fond memories of Mrs. Kortas and Horton Street . . . your mom was always a sweet, gentle soul, and I always was made to feel at home at your home (but I didn't have to do any chores haha!). All of you "kids" treated your mom like the lady she was and I hope your sorrow is eased by knowing that she was inspiration to so many people.##imported-begin##Roberta Scott##imported-end##

April 14, 2005 at 12:18 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy for the loss of your mother..Bob and I know exactly how you feel..But you must be extremely happy to have had her this long.. And with all the children, grandchildren and even great grandchildren , what a wonderful life she has had...Peace and Love to all Bob & Stef Oldenburg##imported-begin##Stephanie Oldenburg##imported-end##

April 14, 2005 at 10:01 AM



“ Theresa my family is praying for you and yours. Be strong as I know you are.##imported-begin##Sonia Brown##imported-end##

April 13, 2005 at 04:20 PM



“ Catherine and family members, May the good memories of your mother help to mend your heart and ease your sorrow.##imported-begin##David Strunk##imported-end##

April 13, 2005 at 12:29 PM



“ Theresa, May you and your family have God's love within, for God is present to walk with you through this difficult time of loss. You and your family are in my thoughts, heart and my prayers. May God bless you and your family.

Pete & P.J. Petroulias###imported-begin##Pete
Petroulias###imported-end##

April 12, 2005 at 05:16 PM



“ Theresa, I send this message with my deepest sympathy. I never met your mother but from you talking about her, I could tell she was a good person and loved by all. May God bless you in your time of sorrow.###imported-begin##Robert Jeffers###imported-end##

April 12, 2005 at 01:11 PM



“ Dear Barb,

My thoughts are with you and your family. How nice to have a large supportive family during times like these.

Sincerely,

Nancy Krause###imported-begin##Nancy Krause###imported-end##

April 12, 2005 at 01:00 PM



“ We will miss you Mom Kortas, you are very special to us. Love,
Dennis & Pat###imported-begin##Dennis & Pat
Laskowski###imported-end##

April 12, 2005 at 12:39 PM



“ Mumma - Oh, how much I miss you! A part of me died with you. I knew this day would come but being selfish I didn't want it to. As cousin Trudy mentioned, you never said an unkind word about anyone and she is so right. I remember you saying "If you can't say something nice about someone, don't say anything at all." With 16 children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren to keep tabs on you'll be very busy in Heaven. I know you'll be watching and in your quiet way helping us when we ask for it. Give Daddy a big kiss for me. I will remember the bar-b-ques, and horse-shoe playing while we watched the little ones. Give Ozzie and Granny and all the loved one you will once again see a big hug and kiss from me. Finally, I want to express my love and thanks to the Brylewski Family for the care they have given you the last 21 years while you lived with them. Without them you may have left us years ago. Again, I thank them from the bottom of my heart. Ma, I love you and you will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Stephanie##imported-end##

April 12, 2005 at 10:36 AM



“ I know that Grandma and Boompa are smiling down on us. I am so proud to be part of the impressive family they've created. I'll always remember their old house in Detroit with Grandma's Christmas Village, her strawberry patch, and childrens swing in the yard. I'll always remember her gentle ways and sweet face. All my love to my family, we will see you soon.##imported-begin##Roxanne & Kevin Light##imported-end##

April 12, 2005 at 10:06 AM



“ Dearest Rich, Maryann, Jamie, Michael & Chrystal:

Mom may be gone physically, but will always be in your hearts. You showed unending love, care and support to Mom. Blessings to you all, and pray that you will find peace and comfort in your time of sorrow. Mrs. Kortas, rest in peace.##imported-begin##Danko Family##imported-end##

April 12, 2005 at 08:59 AM



“ Barbara, I know this has been a very difficult couple of weeks for you. I am so sorry you have lost your Mom, someone so dear to you and your family. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Kristy Musick##imported-end##

April 12, 2005 at 08:51 AM



“ GRANDMA,I LOVE YOU WITH ALL MY HEART AND YOU ARE APART OF MY SOUL.THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR ME,THANK YOU FOR EVERY BLANKET,EVERY DOLL AND NEVER MISSING MY BIRTHDAY.YOU WERE ALWAYS THERE TO PROTECT ME, YOUR MY ANGEL; AND I ALREADY MISS YOU. BUT I KNOW YOU WILL BE THERE TO WATCH OVER ME SMILING DOWN FROM HEAVEN.##imported-begin##Cindy Balinski##imported-end##

April 12, 2005 at 02:24 AM



“ I LOVE YOU GRANDMA. Thank you for all you have done and been. You will be with me always. I will miss you dearly.##imported-begin##Stacey##imported-end##

April 11, 2005 at 09:23 PM



“ My God bless you in your time of sorrow. My heart goes out to you and your family.##imported-begin##Vincent Carey##imported-end##

April 11, 2005 at 12:59 PM



“ Theresa & Family, May God Bless you in your time of sorrow. You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Tabitha ##imported-end##

April 11, 2005 at 12:23 PM



“ So many people imagine that death cruelly separates us from our loved ones. This is a sad mistake. In death there is certainly the very real pain and sorrow of physical separation. But it is equally true that our loved ones remain with us. They do not go to some dark and distant place. They simply begin their eternity; passing through death is really a birth into a new and better world. Those who are left behind should not grieve as if there were no hope. Life is changed, not taken away. Our dear ones live on, in a world beautiful beyond anything we can imagine. With Jesus and Mary they await the day when they will welcome us with joy. "Do not grieve too much," they say to us. "We are living and are still with you##imported-begin##Veronica & Tommie##imported-end##

April 11, 2005 at 11:55 AM



“ Chrystal,
I was saddened to hear about your Grandma. Now she is in a place where she can continue to spread her love and tenderness. If you need me just call.
Please give my condolences to your family.
Sincerely,
Maria###imported-begin##Maria Check###imported-end##

April 11, 2005 at 11:43 AM



“ Theresa,

May God uplift you & your family, in your time of need.

Nina###imported-begin##Nina Bender###imported-end##

April 11, 2005 at 11:33 AM



“ *Aunt Lillian is my god-mother. She was the nicest aunt one could ask for. She never raised her voice or had a unkindly word to say about anyone. Aunt Lillian will be missed. I am unable to attend her funeral since I am in Tennessee. I am saddened by this, but I know her family will understand. With Love, Trudy and Richard Gray###imported-begin##Trudy Gray###imported-end##*

April 11, 2005 at 11:22 AM



“ Theresa;
I know that you and your family will have a long healing process, but time does ease the pain (it does take forever though). May you find comfort in the knowledge that she is with god now. (Maybe, she can help out Tigers) My thoughts and prayers continue to be with you all.
Trudi##imported-begin##Trudi Seidl##imported-end##

April 11, 2005 at 11:13 AM



“ Hello Theresa, May God Bless You and keep you strong through these times of developing loving memories of your mother. May her great times with you and your family be with you always in spirit.

God Bless##imported-begin##Marcia Carlisle##imported-end##

April 11, 2005 at 10:56 AM



“ What a joy it will be to meet such a Wonderful Women in the soon to come Paradise New World that God has promised. Rev 21:3-4##imported-begin##Barbara Braxton##imported-end##

April 11, 2005 at 10:51 AM



“ Theresa you and your family have our deepest sympathy during this time. Our prayers are with you. If you should need us please don't hesitate to call us anytime day or night.##imported-begin##Jimmie & Cynthia Smith##imported-end##

April 11, 2005 at 10:38 AM



“ Amma,
I love you so much! I miss you!

*Mom and Dad,
Thank you for taking care of her!
I love you!*

-Chrystal##imported-begin##Chrystal Brylewski##imported-end##

April 11, 2005 at 08:51 AM