



Mary Alice Bridgetta White

August 22, 1919 - December 21, 2014

Mary Alice Bridgetta White, age 95, born August 22, 1919 in Port Huron, MI to Mary Catherine Martin and Thomas Patrick White died peacefully on December 21, 2014. Mary Alice was affectionately called Aunt Alice by family and friends. Mary Alice and her family moved to Detroit's east side when she was young. She was a 1937 graduate of St Philip Neri High School in Detroit. From there Mary Alice attended St Joseph Mercy School of Nursing in Detroit and became a Registered Nurse in 1940. Mary Alice continued her nursing education and received her Bachelor of Nursing degree from Wayne State University in 1952. One day in the early 1940's while waiting for the streetcar she met a previous nursing instructor who told her to go to The Woman's Hospital in Detroit for a job. She did and was hired to start a Practical Nurse Program due to the shortage of nurses during the war. Mary Alice's nursing career at The Woman's Hospital (eventually called Hutzel Hospital) lasted many years as her position progressed to the Director of Nursing. After leaving Hutzel Hospital in 1976 Mary Alice worked for the State of Michigan as a public health inspector to local hospitals and nursing home facilities. She retired from nursing in 1985 but then started her volunteering career. One volunteer position she truly enjoyed was at the Detroit Institute of Arts taking photographs of art work to elementary schools to expose students to works of art and their histories. She also found time to teach in a literacy program for adults. Mary Alice was an active member of St Louis Parish in Clinton Township, MI where she was one of the founders and supporters of the Parish

Nursing program (taking blood pressures after mass). Among all her positions Mary Alice found time to do some of her favorite things as well. She enjoyed opera, classical music, theater and traveling. She has been around the world and had many stories to tell of her travels. She was able to travel to her family's homeland, Ireland several times. Mary Alice had 6 brothers and often stated she would not have traded any of them for a sister. Her family can fondly remember the stories she would tell of her parents and her brothers. Mary Alice was a nurse to the end often lending advice to the healthcare workers where she lived.

Survived by nieces and nephews Carol (Gordon) Rick, Thomas (Nina) White, Mary Jane (Lawrence) Frey, Daniel White, Patricia (Vern) Kazor, Robert (Julie) White and Kathleen White and extended family members and friends.

Predeceased by nieces and nephews, Marilyn Manardo, Patrick, Ronald, Thomas, William, Denise, Maureen and Susan White and her 4 legged family Mr. Bailey and Molly.

Predeceased by brothers and sisters-in-law, Leo (Beatrice), Carroll (Geraldine), Martin, Edward (Lillian), Leroy (Ann) and William (Patricia) White.

Visitation Friday 2-8 p.m. at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc., 11470 Thirteen Mile Road (west of Hoover) Warren. Instate Saturday 12 noon until time of Funeral Mass 12:30 p.m. at St. Louis Church, 24415 Crocker Blvd. (east of Harper) Clinton Township.

Memorial contributions can be made to Haven Hall Activities Program, Village of East Harbor/Presbyterian Village Chesterfield, MI or because she loved children, Children's Hospital of Michigan Hematology/Oncology Clinic.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **26**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Instate at Church

DEC **27**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Louis Church
24415 Crocker Blvd.
Clinton Township, Mi

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

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“ God Blessed this world with a bright morningstar on the day that Mary Alice entered this world. Her light will continue to grace you as you remember Aunt Alice and say her name. Her compassion and wisdom will continue to grow through you and yours in generations to come, even the furry generations! Thank you for allowing me to serve Mary Alice at the Village. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Chaplain Pat DeBruce

Chaplain Pat DeBruce - December 22, 2014 at 05:14 PM