

Loretta Strozeski, 98, died Feb. 1, 2014, at her daughter's home, in Shelby Township.

She was born in Detroit, on Dec. 10, 1915, to the late Frank and Frances (Guzowski) Paddock.

As a young woman, Loretta traveled by bus to Port Austin to visit her aunt and uncle, Helen and Joseph Baranski. During one of those visits a blind date was arranged with Louis Strozeski, who was born in Grindstone City. After a long-distance courtship, Louis proposed and they were married at St. Hyacinth Church in Detroit on Oct. 27, 1945.

While Louis worked at Divco for many years, Loretta stayed at home to raise their daughter, Annette. When he retired, they moved to Spring Street in Port Austin, where they lived together for more than 20 years, until Louis died in 1999.

Loretta remained in their Port Austin home and kept busy at the U and I club, baking cookies for library fund-raisers, and being a very active member of St. Michael's and the Holy Rosary Sodality.

She loved bingo and enjoyed playing rummy with her sister-in-laws, Mary Rice, Virginia Koroleski and Eleanor Miller.

In 2009, Loretta moved to assisted-living in Macomb County, to be near her immediate family. She remained there until unable to get around, then moved in with her daughter.

She is survived by her daughter, Annette (James) Ludwig; her grandchildren, Julie (Jamie) Smith, Daniel (Jennifer) Ludwig, David (Melissa) Ludwig, Jessica (Rael) Graham; and her granddaughter-in-law, Catherine. Also surviving are her six great-grandchildren; and her sister, Mildred Kalembkiewicz; and sister-in-law, Eleanor Miller.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis; and her grandson, James Ludwig Jr; as well as two brothers, Leonard and Richard.

Funeral Mass for Loretta will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, 2014, at St. Michael's Catholic Church of the Annunciation of our Lord Parish in Port Austin, Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014, at the Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde and from 10 a.m. until the Mass Thursday at the church. There will be a Sodality rosary at the funeral home at 4 p.m. Wednesday and a 7 p.m. parish Vigil.

Donations (in lieu of flowers) can be made to The Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.