

Marie Josephine Kladzyk

Born: March 18, 1921

Died: June 22, 2014

Marie Josephine Kladzyk, 93, left this world in the same way she lived her life, peacefully, and embraced by the love of her family. Wife, mother, and "Gramma" "Busia," friend, faithful Catholic, and community booster, Marie died on June 22nd in her home. She was born on March 18th, 1921 in Detroit, daughter of Thomas and Sophia (Sosnowska) Ziemba. Marie married Franklin James "Frank" Kladzyk on June 27th, 1946, at St. Hyacinth Catholic Church, Detroit.

Marie was baptized and attended grade school at St. Hyacinth Parish. She then attended the Felician Academy in Detroit, and graduated from the Detroit Business Institute. She was employed at the Personal Finance Loan Company, the Federal Building in Detroit, and the Internal Revenue Service, where she met her future husband, Franklin. They were married following his honorable discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps, and returned to Bad Axe in order to run the East End Hotel. In 1960 they began to design the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe, which opened in 1961. Following transfer of ownership of the Inn in 1970 to the Frank Lerash Family, Marie became part of the team at Huron County Community Mental Health as Office Manager, until her retirement.

A woman who believed in community service, Marie was President of the Sacred Heart Altar Society, President of the Women's Division of The Verona Hills Golf Club, and an Honorary Alumna and Ambassador of Orchard Lake Schools. She was on the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health from 1987-1999, and Recipient Rights Advisory Committee. She was a Friend of the Detroit Institute of Art, an American Friend of the Vatican Library, member of the Huron Medical Center Foundation, and a Girl Scout Troop Leader. She was an avid golfer, Bridge and Scrabble player, a gracious hostess, and was the Master of Ceremonies for "Granny Camp" summer events. She will be remembered for her Christian spirit, warm heart, and consummate grace.

Marie is survived by her sister, Helene Megge, four children: Franklin (Patricia) Kladzyk, Jr. of El Paso, TX; Pamela Kladzyk of Colfax Township, Kathryn Brown of Silver City, NM; and Thomas (Jo) Kladzyk of Manchester and Grand Marais, MI; nine grandchildren: Isaac, Kristofer, Benjamin, Anna, Tristan, René, Ellee, Christian, and Adrian; three great grandchildren: Emerson, Bode, and Alden; dog Callie, cats Blackie, CheeChoo, and Oreo.

She was predeceased by her husband, Franklin James Kladzyk, Sr., and three brothers: Chester Ziemba, JD, Stephen Ziemba, JD, and Msgr. Walter Ziemba, PhD. Memorials may be made to: Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis; Orchard Lake Schools (Ss. Cyril and Methodius Seminary); St. Hubert Parish (Sacred Heart); North Country Charity Group; Huron County Community Foundation; Bad Axe

District Library; and American Friends of the Vatican Library.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, June 27th at noon at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Fr. Rob Howe and Fr. Thomas Schmied will officiate. Burial will take place at St. Mary's Cemetery in Parisville.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 26th from 2-8 pm at the MacAlpine Mac Chapel in Bad Axe with Scripture at 7pm and from 11 am until time of service at the church.

Condolences can be shared at www.macalpinefuneralhome.com