



Claudia Jean Szerlag

November 8, 1939 - January 17, 2023

Szerlag, Claudia Jean (nee Sockow) 11/8/39 – 1/17/23 (age 83). Cherished wife and best friend of Don for 63 years. Loving Mom of Deb (John) Richards, Mark (Diane) Szerlag, Paul (Cindy) Szerlag, Cathy (Frank) Ciavattone, Steve (Kristyn) Szerlag. Adoring Grandma of Eric (Jackie), Stacey (Blake), Tyler, Grant, Blake, Jacob, Justin, and Avari. Precious great Grandma of Millie, Cameron, Molly.

Claudia is preceded in death by her parents, Clifton and Laretta Sockow, brother William, sisters Virginia (the late Lawrence) Garbarino and Luanne Andruczk. Claudia is survived by her brother and sister in law, Jim and Diane Szerlag, and many dear family and friends.

The visitation will be Sunday, January 22, 2023, between the hours of 2:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. along with a Scripture Service at 6:00 P.M. at the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West, Plymouth, MI 48170

The Funeral Mass will be celebrated of Monday, January 23, 2023, at 10:30 A.M. at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton, MI 48188. Mrs. Szerlag will lie in state at the church on Monday beginning at 10:00 A.M. until the Mass. Cremation will follow.

Claudia was a kind and gentle soul and had a smile that lit up the room. She was loved by many and will be truly missed by all.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to ProMedica Foundation - Hospice Memorial Fund, 444 North Summit, Toledo, OH 43604 or online donation at: www.promedicaseniorcare.org/giving or Alzheimer's Association - Great Michigan Chapter, 25200 Telegraph Road, ste 100, Southfield, MI 48033-7443 or online: www.alz.org/gmc Envelopes will also be available at the funeral home.

To share a tribute of Claudia with the family, please click on the 'Share a Memory' tab on this web page

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **22**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

Scripture Service

JAN **22**. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

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In state

JAN **23**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church
555 S. Lilley Road
Canton, MI 48188

Funeral Mass

JAN **23**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Canton, MI 48188

Tribute Wall



“ *Claudia Jean Szerlag*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Loved the times Claudia and Don would come to Aliso Viejo to the Richards' home. She was so friendly, with sparkling eyes and a caring smile. Rest in Peace in the arms of Jesus. Love the DeMars*

Kerri DeMars - January 23, 2023 at 01:30 PM

DR

Thank you my beloved Kerri ❤️

Deb Richards - January 25, 2023 at 09:17 AM

KW

“ *We were lucky to live next door to Claudia and Don for nearly 15 years. They were the best neighbors a person could have. We have many happy memories of shared meals and spontaneous talks in the yard. Our middle daughter, Sophia, especially remembers coming over to visit. She would attempt to play with the cat (who would be hiding), often times get a cookies from the cookie jar and play board games from the varied collection. Many many good memories. We have been blessed to know Claudia and get to know the Szerlag Family. Much Love, The Withrows*

Kathy Withrow - January 22, 2023 at 04:12 PM

Candy Belanger

“ Our sympathy, love and prayers are with you all during this difficult and sad time in your lives. Wishing you comfort and peace from Russ and Candy.



Candy Belanger - January 22, 2023 at 11:03 AM

DD

“ Claudia if there is any one thing I will Always keep dear to my heart it's your Big Bright Precious Smile. There was never a time I didn't see you where you weren't smiling! How Very Proud you were of your Loving Family. And must I say you did a Tremendous job. Getting A family together often and enjoying each other is a rare thing these days. So Very Proud to have known you and get to be part of the family functions. You will be Greatly Missed. Love You 🥰
Danielle Doody

Danielle Doody - January 22, 2023 at 09:53 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Claudia Jean Szerlag.



January 21, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Claudia Jean Szerlag.



January 21, 2023 at 12:52 AM




“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Claudia Jean Szerlag.



January 20, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ Loved Claudia and her Beautiful smile! 
-Caroline H., caregiver OHH Waltonwood Cherry Hill

Caroline Howard - January 20, 2023 at 04:20 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Claudia Jean Szerlag.



January 20, 2023 at 10:58 AM

TF

“ *The CooperStandard Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Claudia Jean Szerlag.*



The CooperStandard Family - January 20, 2023 at 08:14 AM



“ *Solar Angel Statue to Send as Unique Sympathy Gift Remembrance was purchased for the family of Claudia Jean Szerlag.*



January 19, 2023 at 07:03 PM



“ *Loved One Vertical Blanket was purchased for the family of Claudia Jean Szerlag.*



January 19, 2023 at 06:20 PM

LC

“ *Mama Claudia was a big part of the Ciavattone Family. We always see the Szerlag family as an extension of our family. I will always remember her with her sweet smile and kind words. I have a picture of her 50 th wedding anniversary still on my fridge. Rest in peace in paradise mama Claudia. We will miss you forever!!* 🙏❤️



Letty Ciavattone - January 19, 2023 at 06:06 PM