



Laura M. Grutza

April 26, 1921 - June 20, 2014

Grutza, Laura M., 93, a dedicated Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother, died peacefully and surrounded by family at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia on June 20th. Laura resided at Independence Village in Plymouth where she enjoyed time with her friends playing bingo and Wii. She is a former longtime resident of her cherished city of Detroit. Laura was a selfless woman who sacrificed a great deal to raise her siblings and then twelve of her own children. She was a dedicated wife to her husband Zigmund Grutza who passed away in 1994. She was a devoted Catholic and member of Christ the King Church. She loved the Detroit Tigers and as her vision declined, continued to listen to every game in hopes of experiencing their third World Series win in her lifetime. Laura touched many lives, always sharing the value and importance of family. She was the most gentle, humble and accepting soul, wishing only peace and happiness to all those around her. She was born in Wapanucka, Oklahoma on April 26th, 1921. She is survived by her brother Roy Alexander, and sister Mattie Gertrude. She was pre-deceased by her sister Imogene and brother William. Laura lives on through her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is survived by her beloved children Zigmund (Mary Ann) Grutza, Jennifer (Ted) Walsh, David (Lyn) Grutza, Robert (Diana) Grutza, Joseph (Valerie) Grutza, Beth Ann (Joe) Pilotto, James (Margaret) Grutza, Joann (Matthew) Weger, Laura (Wayne) Spearman, Kimberly (Barbaro) Garbey, and Mary Rose (Luther) Elliott. Laura will also be joining her much-loved son Michael whose life was lost in a tragic

accident at just 3 years of age. Laura is Grandmother to Ted, Joshua and Lisa; Mike and Lynn; Stacy and Nichole (Joseph); Jennifer, Jody and Brian (Michelle); Sarah, Carolyn (George), Elizabeth and Joseph Jr.; Michele (David), Michael, Marilyn (Scott), Marlene, Matthew and Mark (Adam); Shelly, Marcy, Justin (deceased), Adam and Linsey; Hillary, Daniel and Alyssa; Eric, Stephen and Rachel; Isabel, Barbaro and Gabriela; and Carter, Grace and Lilly. Laura is Great-Grandmother to Kassady, Joseph, Johnathan, Nicholas, Charlotte, Avery, Cameron, Gianna, Mercury, Alivia, Isis, and Dominic. Donations may be made to the Christ the King Student Scholarship Fund via check to Christ the King School. The visitation will be 2-9pm on Monday, June 23rd at the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. The Rosary will take place at 7 pm. Funeral service on Tuesday, June 24th at Christ the King Church, 20800 Grand River, Detroit with a 10 am in state and 11 am mass. This will be followed by a luncheon and then burial for family at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. To share a memory, please use the View and Send Condolences tab on this web page.

Tribute Wall



“ *Laura M. Grutza*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I will miss my Aunt Maybelle, It's sure to be a Tiger championship season this year!*

Larry Christison - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM



“ *"The living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing all... Whatever your hand finds to do, do with all your might, for there is no work nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom in the Grave, where you are going." This comforting scripture can be found in Jehovah God's word the bible at Ecclesiastes 9:5, 10.*

Zandra Walker - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM



“ *Dear Jim and family, I wanted to send my condolences for you loss .I wish I was able to attend the visitation but had a final. Your family is so wonderful and these times can be very challenging. It helps to know that we are not alone and cared for in these difficult times. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers .*

Michael Siegrist - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM



“ *Dear Laura & family. Our deepest condolences. It is never easy when we lose someone so dear. Out Hugs and Prayers.*

A Kathy & U Jon - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

MC

“ We will always remember that greeting smile she had when we walked into the rectory at Christ the King. All of you are very lucky to have had such a great mom and grandmother not to mention the greatest polish cook in the world!love to all of the Grutza clan!!

Mary Ellen and John Coram - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

P(

“ Our family was so sad to hear of your Moms passing. She was a great friend to my Mom and Dad. A rock to so many at Christ the King...how she had time for everybody was a amazing. She will be remembered by many and my Dad will be glad to see her coming up there!!!so she's in very good company! and we will see her again too some day..love Pam

Pam (Martin)Merrick - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

TG

“ Your Mom was such an amazing woman. Loved her wit. We were blessed to know her.

Tony & Jo Gentuso - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

NJ

“ condolences to the whole Grutza family. we feel very deeply sadened by the news of your Mothers passing.

nelda and george jewell - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

CM

“ We were so saddened to hear of your loss. From all that we have heard and read, her's was a life well lived. She truly touched many, many people and is leaving a wonderful legacy. While you will miss her deeply you have many cherished memories to reflect upon and sustain you through this difficult time.

Coach Pat, Coach Debbie, Cristian and Mihaela - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

IT

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Grutza family during their time of loss. Sending our thoughts and prayers.. ~~ISR Team.

ISR Team - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

MJ

“ joe, sorry for the passing of your mother

mitch jensen - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

MG

“ Dear Jennifer & family, Sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.

mike gracey - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

CD

“ Dear Family, What a lovely obituary and honor to my Aunt Maybelle. She truly was selfless and so full of life to everyone. My daddy loved her so much and the first thing that he told me when I told him that she had passed was this was like losing his mother twice. Then he told me how she had taken care of all of them (siblings) and she too was only a child when they lost their mother. There were many miles between her and daddy but their hearts were together always and I know some day there will be another reunion for them. As for me, I am so blessed to have had an aunt like her. I loved her so much and my only regret is that I didn't get to be around her nearly as much as I would have liked. But, just like my daddy I feel a part of her in my heart that I will always have. I'm truly sorry that it was not possible for any of us to attend her services but please know that we will be there for you all in our hearts. We love you all very much and you all are such a wonderful, loving family. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers today and always.

Carolyn Daniel (Roy's daughter) - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

BF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family this week. May the mass be full of prayerful intercession through family and friends. Joseph and I will say a special prayer and Rosary on Monday to honor her and your family.

Breanna Ney & Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

DN

“ Your Mother was an institution at Christ The King. She lived, and demonstrated in her daily life, the true meaning of a Christian. I know the wonderful memories and stories will sustain you through these difficult times.

Deborah Nagy - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

PK

“ Dear Bob and Jimmy~
We were so very sad to hear of your loss -
May you both and your entire family find much peace and comfort in
all of the many fond memories and the love your Mom bestowed
upon you all.

Patty & Al Koonter - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

LH

“ Linsey and family
I'm so very sorry the world will be a little less bright without her
Rest in peace Mrs. Laura
Xo.

Lynelle Hampton - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

KD

“ The angels are celebrating the new arrival! What joy she will find in
Heaven!
My thoughts and prayers are with Laura's family. May you be
comforted in your sorrow. I am so sad to lose such a beautiful
woman who played a very important role in my life. My mother's
"twin" was like a second mother to me. She was so precious,
radiant, and beautiful. May she rest in peace now.

Kathy (Garrity) Damphousse - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

AE

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We pray for your comfort.

Anne-Todd and Mark Eisner - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

MP

“ hi the family grutza we missed to you very special wonderful person I love to you with hugs michael

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NW

“ My deepest condolences to the entire Grutza family at the loss of your wonderful mom Laura. I have been a part of the family through Kimberly for over 40 years now and I loved her like a second mom. I know all too well about loss and grief. However, never doubt that God will help you move forward and heal. Know that her pain has passed, except for how it lives in your memory. Rest in Peace Mrs. Grutza.

Nicole Almeda Weaver - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM