



Lillian Virginia Priebe

September 28, 1926 - March 15, 2023

Lillian Virginia Priebe, beloved mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, passed away peacefully in her home with her son Gary by her side on Tuesday, March 15, 2023, at the age of 96.

She was born on September 28, 1926, in Detroit, MI to Joseph and Blanche Gootee. Lillian grew up in Detroit and often shared fond memories of walking with her cousin Agnes to visit their grandmother, who had immigrated from Poland as a young woman.

She later married Eugene Aloysius Przybysz (Priebe) on August 2, 1947, at St. Francis D'Assisi Catholic Parish, and together raised four boys until his untimely passing at the age of 46. She remained very involved at St. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church, later volunteering with the Our Lady of Grace women's group as well as working many years for Ames Supply Company.

Lillian especially valued family — so much so — that on her wedding day, the entire wedding party went to the hospital with a plate of food for her grandmother, who was too ill to attend. She also had a very close relationship with her sister Geraldine (Gerry) until her passing at the age of 52. She was always there to lend a helping hand, babysit, or even offer a place to stay when needed. She loved to cook and entertain, often serving delicious Polish meals to a houseful of friends and family, including the priests and nuns from

church. Her Catholic faith was paramount in her life, which only enhanced her gentle, loving nature with everyone she met. She always said she was a people person and loved everyone.

She enjoyed playing Bunco with friends, attending Polish festivals, and had many artistic hobbies, including wreath making, macramé, and creating stained glass works of art that she shared with her children. She enjoyed traveling and lived in Arizona for many years, then Florida — but ultimately, returned home to Michigan because that is where her family was. It was not uncommon to enter her home and hear Polka music playing loudly in the background as she busily worked in the kitchen making pierogis. She would often say, “Never leave your home — that is where family is. Always make time for family.”

She is survived by her four sons, Eugene (Judy) Priebe, Donald Priebe (sig. other Frances Rogers), Gary Priebe, and Paul (Connie) Priebe; eight grandchildren, Monique (Michael) Coffman, Gina (Dennis) Pellock, Mark (Erin) Priebe, Mary (David) Ward, Jim (April) Priebe, Amanda (Jeremy) Schweim, Megan and Kenny Priebe; and 16 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a stillborn infant daughter, husband Eugene, sister Geraldine Kohlruss, and parents Joseph Gootee and Blanche Kean.

There will be a viewing Tuesday, March 21 at 10 am followed by an 11 am funeral mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170. There will be a luncheon to follow at the Parish Hall.

At the request of family, please consider a donation to Angela Hospice in lieu of flowers.

To leave a message of condolence, please use the Share a Memory tab on

this webpage.

Previous Events

In state

MAR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church
47650 North Territorial Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Funeral Mass

MAR 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church
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Plymouth, MI 48170

Tribute Wall



“ *Lillian Virginia Priebe*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother Don and Gene. Prayers sent to the entire Priebe family. The Wilson Family*

Tim Wilson - March 18, 2023 at 01:11 PM



Thank you Tim.

Don Priebe - March 18, 2023 at 09:57 PM



“ *I didn't know Lillian personally but after that beautiful story of her personal life I feel I've gotta a glimpse of the great lady you all came from and how lucky you are to have someone like her!*

Condense to family. ❤️❤️❤️



Eddi Stirsman - March 18, 2023 at 12:22 PM



Thank you Eddi

Don Priebe - March 18, 2023 at 10:23 PM

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“ *I wish you and your family my sincere condolences in this time of grief. You had a great mother and will be missed. Keep her memories close to your soul and remember that she is happier knowing you care and think about her often.*

Glen Wild - March 18, 2023 at 11:04 AM

DP

Thank you Glen

Don Priebe - March 18, 2023 at 10:24 PM

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“ *Glen Wild lit a candle in memory of Lillian Virginia Priebe*



Glen Wild - March 18, 2023 at 10:58 AM