



## Philomena "Tillie" LaFave

August 16, 1924 - December 12, 2017

LaFave, (nee DeVooght) Philomena "Tillie", December 12, 2017 age 93 of Canton, formerly of Marquette and Detroit. Beloved wife of the late Earl A. Loving mother of Earl (Rosemary), Eugene (Patricia), Carla (the late Michael) O'Malley, Steven (Rene), Cheryl (Jon) Bassett, Greg (Andrea) and the late Larry (Diane). Proud grandmother of 13 and great grandmother of 17. Tillie had a lifetime of active volunteerism with many local organizations, including her beloved church, Resurrection Parish in Canton and First Step Domestic Violence of Western Wayne. Visitation Thursday, December 14th, 2-9 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road., (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Rosary Thursday 7 PM. In state Friday, December 15th, 10 AM until the 11 AM Funeral Mass at Resurrection Parish, 48755 Warren Road, Canton. In Lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to First Step or Resurrection St. Vincent DePaul Fund. To share a memory, please use the share a memory tab on this webpage.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **14**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Mass

DEC **15**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Resurrection Parish  
48755 Warren Road  
Canton, MI 48187

# Tribute Wall



“ *Philomena "Tillie" LaFave*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Tillie was the "Cake Lady" to shelter residents at First Step shelter when it was located in Canton on Warren Road. She would arrive at the back door on the spur of the moment with a treat for the families. She and this selfless gesture were appreciated not forgotten. We wish you a smooth transition, dear lady.*

*Ed and Mary Jane Weidenbach.*

**Mary Jane** - December 16, 2017 at 02:55 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Philomena "Tillie" LaFave.*



December 14, 2017 at 01:55 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Philomena "Tillie" LaFave.*



December 14, 2017 at 01:40 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Philomena "Tillie" LaFave.*



December 14, 2017 at 01:10 PM



“ *Tillie was one of the most generous , warm-hearted people I have ever met. She had a wonderful smile and infectious laugh. I remember all her Campbell soup stuff in her kitchen and her delicious chicken noodle soup. It was a pleasure to serve with her on Resurrection Parish St. Vincent DePaul. She loved her family very much and I thank them for sharing her with us. My prayers are with you all.*

**Cathy Skudlarek** - December 14, 2017 at 12:31 PM



“ *Ed And Brenda McLoud lit a candle in memory of Philomena "Tillie" LaFave*



**Ed and Brenda McLoud** - December 14, 2017 at 09:52 AM



*Our sincerest condolences to you and your entire family. We look forward to a celebration of a life well lived when we see you this winter. God bless and keep you all in the palm of His hand*

**Ed and Brenda McLoud** - December 14, 2017 at 09:53 AM

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“ I've known Tillie for over 40 years. I've .admired her spirit of joyfulness; her courage, her generosity. She was a woman of great faith. Whenever I went to her house, she always had a cup of tea ready for me .One time Resurrection was going to St Leo's Soup kitchen on a weekday in the summer, difficult time to get volunteers. I asked if she could make TWO boxes of Jello in Dixie cups, She asked how many we were feeding, I said about 150. (other folks were also making Jello) When I went to pick them up, she had made all 150 cups of Jello,, with fruit., and even provided plastic spoons.. The folks at St Leo's had enough jello to even take some home! A VERY generous lady with both her time and Talent. The last time I talked to her, she said, Dorothy, I'm ready. And she was. The world was a better place because of her. I will miss her. Eternal rest grant to her O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. May her family take comfort in knowing she loved all of them beyond measure.  
peace and blessings,  
Dorothy Morse.

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Dorothy Morse - December 14, 2017 at 02:10 AM

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“ Dorothy Morse lit a candle in memory of Philomena "Tillie" LaFave



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Dorothy Morse - December 14, 2017 at 12:31 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Philomena "Tillie" LaFave.



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December 13, 2017 at 09:17 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Philomena "Tillie" LaFave.



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December 13, 2017 at 07:38 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Philomena "Tillie" LaFave.



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December 13, 2017 at 12:45 PM



“ *Dear Carla and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I am sending strength your way and  
keeping you in my prayers. God Bless, Tina Casoli*

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**Tina Casoli** - December 13, 2017 at 10:11 AM

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“ *Tillie was one of a kind, always a delight to be around and always boundless energy. She was a good friend to my mom when they lived together some years ago. She was always helping someone and that will be one of my favorite memories of her. Now you and Marg can hang out in heaven. Love you Tillie.*

*Susan Schmitz*

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**Susan Schmitz** - December 12, 2017 at 07:02 PM