



Mrs. Theresa B. Clarke

April 4, 1922 - October 6, 2019

Mrs. Theresa Bernadette Clarke, age 97, entered her eternal home to be with her Lord and Savior Sunday morning, October 6, 2019, surrounded by her family. Theresa was born April 4, 1922 in Westbrook, Maine to Joseph and Anna Brochu. Theresa married Sydney Charles Clarke and he preceded her in death on May 14, 1987. She and Sydney were always a team and they were known for their hospitality at Sebago Lake. Their home was always open for extended family members. After 5 glorious years on Sebago Lake in Maine, they moved to Muskegon in 1954 to help start Muskegon S.D. Warren Paper Mill. In their newly adopted state of Michigan, they enjoyed tobogganing, the beaches, picnics, canoeing, Lake Michigan, and sightseeing with the children and relatives. She made holidays so very special complete with parades, picnics, decorations and luscious feasts – fried chicken was her specialty along with homemade pies. All the grandchildren will remember her by the unforgettable Skip-BO competitions. Theresa worked at the S.D. Warren Credit Union from 1958 until her retirement in 1980. She also was a grade school crossing guard, PTA member, bridge and ping pong player along with being an excellent homemaker. Theresa loved playing cards, sewing and traveling. She knew the way to Maine by heart due to the many trips back home. Eating lobster on the ocean seashore was always a must. Theresa was a member of St. Francis de Sales and Prince of Peace Catholic Churches. She is survived by her daughters, Carolyn Sylvia Cherney, Barbara Jean (Henry) Flores, and Nancy Helen (Thomas) Bancuk; her grandchildren, Jackie (Doug) Clark, Melissa (Jason) Bancuk-Holmberg, Nicholas (Christy) Bancuk, Amy (Paul) Flores-Guggina, Emily (Christopher) Carr, Rebecca (Bob) McKenzie and Renee (Mark) Williams; 18 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, Sydney, Theresa was also preceded in death by her son, Arthur; granddaughter, Jean Zack; son-in-law, Joseph Cherney; sisters, Flora, Rosa, Germaine and Yvette and their spouses; brothers, John, Camille and Henry and their spouses. A MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL will be held at a later date at St. Anthony of Purdue Catholic Church in Westbrook, Maine, with burial to follow in St. Hyacinth Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to Muskegon Hope Project (Anti-human trafficking organization), 1516 Peck St., Muskegon 49441. Arrangements by The Walburn Chapel of Sytsema Funeral and Cremation Services, 1547 W. Sherman Blvd. Norton Shores MI,

49441, 231-759-8565. Share memories with the family at their online guestbook at www.sytsemafh.com

Comments



“ Carolyn, I saw Theresa's Obituary today in the Portland paper and I wanted to send my sympathy to you and your Family.
Aunt Theresa was a special lady and was always so nice to me and my family. I have spoken many times of my memories of going to Sebago lake with you and your family. Loved your Mother and my mother loved her too. We both loved to see her and visit with her. When your Dad was diagnosed with his illness she brought him to Bangor to see us. What a wonderful year she had with him as they traveled and visited with all the family.
I wanted you to know that we also will miss her.
I use to always exchange Christmas cards and did not get any the last few years. I got mine back so the Address i had was no longer current.
My Love to you and your love ones.
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