



## Jessica Szpakowski

November 8, 1923 - July 6, 2019

Szpakowski, Jessica M. Age 95, died July 6, 2019 at her home in Royal Oak. She was born on November 8, 1923 in Abington, England to Arnold and Gwendoline (nee Ashman) Clarke. She married Michael Szpakowski in England in 1943. The couple moved to the United States in 1954 and were longtime residents of Royal Oak. Jessica enjoyed knitting, crocheting, cross-stitch and was an avid reader.

Beloved wife of the late Michael Szpakowski. Loving mother of Helena Odett-Amaeze (Chimezie Amaeze), Richard (Cindy) Szpakowski and the late Michael Szpakowski. Proud grandmother of David Odett, Stephen Odett, Peter Szpakowski, Debbie Brown and Michael Szpakowski, as well as 10 great grandchildren. Dear sister of John Clarke and the late Beryl Esslinger. Funeral service Tuesday, July 9, 11 am at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association are appreciated. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**White Chapel Memorial Cemetery** JUL

621 W. Long Lake Road

Troy, MI, 48098

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**Funeral Service**

11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ My name is Karin Elkins and I am Jessica's niece. My Mom Beryl and Aunt Jess were sisters and best friends! They were quite the dynamic duo! I have so many fond memories of my Aunt that I just don't know where to start. My Aunt Jess was one of the sweetest women I knew! She was kind, loving and family was always #1 in her heart! I will never forget all the times my Mom and Dad and Aunt Jess and Uncle Mike would get together and play Canasta! Most of the time it would be the men against the women and truth be told the women won 95% of the time! My Aunt was a wonderful cook and baker! I still remember when we first moved here from N. Y. my Aunt Jess had made a cheesecake like none I had ever seen! Let me tell you that it was one the best cheesecakes I have ever had in my life and no bakery or restaurant has come close since! Aunt Jess knitted and crocheted the most beautiful items! Whenever I saw my Aunt she was knitting or crocheting. She also loved to read and her and my Mom would exchange books after reading them. My heart goes out to all my cousins at this difficult time. Losing a parent/grandparent is one of the hardest losses to go through. Our love, hugs and prayers to all of you! <3

Karin Elkins - July 07 at 06:45 PM

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“ My name is Linda (Jones) Bartlett childhood friend of Jessica's daughter Helena. Over sixty years ago Helena's mom and Dad taught me how to dance the polka in their Royal Oak home On Altadena. Always kind and warm people who truly loved Helena's friends. After fifty years I was able to visit Jessica a few years ago back on Altadena where many of her Knick knacks were the same I remembered from all those years ago. God Blessed you and your family with 95 years on this earth .You certainly made it a better place for those of us that knew the Szpakowski's! Rest In Peace.

Linda Bartlett - July 07 at 05:25 PM

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“ I did not know Jessica, but I have been a neighbor and friend to Cindy and Richard and Michael. My heart goes out to them and Helena and the rest of the family. We must always remember that in life and death we belong to God, and Jessica is with him now.



Gloria J Stanley - July 07 at 12:56 PM