



Ann Prochko

June 21, 1917 - November 1, 2020

Ann (nee Dahoda) Prochko, formerly of Utica, passed away on November 1 at the young age of 103. For the past 4 years, she resided at and was well cared for by the dedicated staff at Wellbridge of Romeo. While she spent the majority of her life in St. Louis, Missouri, she had resided in Michigan since 2007. She was the beloved wife of the late Michael C. Prochko. Loving mother of Dennis (Cynthia) Prochko and Marsha (Daniel) Beaubien. Ann was the proud grandmother of 6 grandchildren, Todd Prochko, Timothy (Kimberly) Prochko, Andrew (Lindsey) Prochko, Robert (Katrina) Beaubien, Kristen (Matthew) Henkels, Lauren (Ryan) Orchell; and 12 great-grandchildren with one more on the way.

Ann was born on June 21, 1917, in West Frankfort, Illinois to the late Paul and Eva (Chomko) Dahoda. She had four sisters, including Fay Gasawski (deceased), Katherine Signorello, Eve Nazarik and Julie (Henry) Barthel, and one brother, Andrew (deceased). The bond of the Dahoda siblings and the love they shared was incredibly strong throughout their lives, even as they aged and were separated by many miles.

After residing in the small towns of Desloge and Leadwood, Missouri, Ann ultimately settled in St. Louis to work in the big city as a nutritionist in the “special diet kitchen” of a local hospital. In May 1936, she met her future husband at a dance at St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church. During

their courtship, the two enjoyed dancing together at the Casa-Loma Ballroom and the Westminster, among others. Ann and Michael were married on June 8, 1941, at St. Michael's, a church that remained an integral part of their lives for many years and where they volunteered countless hours and enjoyed social gatherings.

Ann was an avid and passionate St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan. She followed the team closely and could recite statistics about the team and players like few others. Her mind was razor-sharp and uncompromised, even into her later years. She had the ability to recall events and tell stories in incredible detail, often to the amazement of her audience. She always appeared much younger than her age.

Ann was greatly admired by her family and friends. She lived her life in moderation and with great purpose. This was evident in everything she did. She was not a person of extravagance but guided by her inherently practical nature. She was genuinely appreciative and took nothing for granted. Ann was a strong woman of faith and persevered through whatever life had to offer. She was the matriarch of her family, supporting them through multiple relocations to advance her husband's career. When the need arose, she obtained her driver's license for the first time at the age of 74. Her bread, pierogi and cookies were legendary and included only the amount of sugar and salt that was necessary.

Ann will be greatly missed, but those she leaves behind take great comfort in knowing that she is reunited with her beloved husband, siblings, parents and cherished others.

Interment Mt. Hope Cemetery St. Louis, Missouri

Cemetery Details

Mt. Hope Cemetery

17840 Middlebelt Rd.
Livonia, MI 48152

Tribute Wall

JK

“ To the family of Ann Prochko: Please accept my sympathy at the passing of a remarkable woman who lived a blessed and beautiful life. Mrs. Prochko was a close friend of our entire family during her years in Parma Ohio where we all attended Holy Trinity Orthodox Church. The description of her as "practical," "sincerely appreciative of everything she had" and "a strong woman of faith" is perfect. Always with a warm and friendly greeting and a kind word, I will remember her most for her sharp mind. During our last phone conversation in June, she continued to recall details of my own family that I had forgotten. She was truly amazing. I am joyful to think she has been reunited with Mr. Prochko and all of the people from Holy Trinity who loved her.

With love,
Jim Krafcik
Chesterfield, MO

James Krafcik - December 02, 2020 at 02:15 PM

PK

“ I am writing from my heart as the daughter of John and Anne Krafcik, both deceased respectively as of March 2018 and January 2019. Dear Ann Prochko was a member of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Parma, Ohio, for some years, and was a very close friend of my parents. I knew her, as well, while growing up in that congregation. When thinking about her, I feel a golden glow around that memory. There was a soft and radiant love that Ann carried with her everywhere and expressed toward everyone. It was never affected, but always pure and genuine. I would like to imagine that my parents were also on hand to greet Ann. I will never ever forget her kindness. I will never ever forget Ann.---Patricia Krafcik (Olympia, Washington)

Patricia Krafcik - December 02, 2020 at 01:06 PM

DF

“ Dearest Marsha and Family, my heart and prayers are with you all as you say goodbye to one of the most incredible and inspirational woman I have been honored to meet. I loved your Mom and greatly admired her for so many reasons. How blessed your entire family is to have had her for so many years.

With Love,
Dannette Fultz



Dannette Fultz - November 07, 2020 at 02:13 AM

RH

“ Regis Hadiaris purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ann Prochko.



Regis Hadiaris - November 04, 2020 at 09:30 AM