



## Antonina "Nettie" Zbikowski

April 21, 1923 - September 4, 2019

Antonina "Nettie" Zbikowski, of Shelby Township, passed away on September 4, 2019 at the age of 96. She is the cherished wife of the late Frank J. Zbikowski; the loving mother of the late Gregory (Geraldine), Frank L. (Judy), Carol (the late Mark) Mielke; the proud grandmother of 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter; the beloved sister of Theresa (the late Raymond) Maslowski and Sophie (Danny) Balinski. Nettie was preceded in death by six siblings. Nettie belonged to the Daughters of Isabella and the Women's Auxillary of the VFW. She enjoyed spending time crocheting and eating sweets. Nettie loved animals, especially cats and dogs. Even though she could be at times ornery, often telling people it's her way or the highway, Nettie had a heart of gold, and she was a very giving person, helping those in need whenever she could. Nettie's family will receive friends on Friday, September 13, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 44633 Utica Road, Utica, instate beginning at 9:00 a.m. until the time of her funeral mass at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated to the Disabled American Veterans P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, Oh, 45250-0301. Please share a memory at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com)

## Cemetery Details

### St. Lawrence Cemetery

Auburn Road  
Utica, MI 48317

## Previous Events

### Funeral Mass

SEP **13**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church  
44633 Utica Road  
Utica, MI 48317

# Tribute Wall

YD

“ Remembering Nettie - and remembering how much my mom, Cecilia Zdanio, enjoyed their visits. Cecilia started many new craft ideas because of Nettie. And I shared crocheting stories with Nettie. I remember Nettie's caring eyes as she seen me walking down the church aisle heading to Cecilia's funeral mass. So many family stories.

*Heavenly Peace!*

*Cousin*

*Yolanda Zdanio DelCotto*

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**Yolanda Zdanio DelCotto** - September 11, 2019 at 08:15 PM



Cynthia  
Craft

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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**Cynthia Craft** - September 09, 2019 at 01:12 PM

“ Years ago for a school project we discussed grandma Z in depth with the girls. At the time Grandma was about 90. Somehow the discussion got misinterpreted and led the girls to believe that their Great Grandmother was Rosie the Rivetter. You know me, I went with it. Rosie is tough, she kept the country going when everyone else got sent away. She got stuff done and didn't take any crap. My Grandma wasn't the spoil you rotten come in for a big hug kind of grandma. She was hard working. Her hands and feet were knotted up and crooked. She was hard because a part of you needs to be hard to survive. She gave us that.

When I think of all the changes in the world that she witnessed it terrifies me to think of all the changes I will witness. She watched nearly her entire family pass away. Her mother, father, husband, step mother, brothers, sisters, sons and great granddaughter; not to mention friends and cousins aunts and uncles. That would make anyone hard. She stayed behind. She was left to care for, pray for and love the ones left.

When I sat the girls down last week to tell them Rosie the Rivetter had passed away it was with sadness and joy. It brings me joy to know finally she is at rest.

Grandma stayed until the second shift arrived. Long live the Z chromosome. May God show Mercy to anyone who gets in its way!



GZ

“ *Mon: I want to thank you for giving me the most precious gift a Mother could ever give(Gregory). If it wasn't for that gift my life wouldn't be what it is. I am also most grateful for all the things you did for us. you were one of the strongest woman I've ever known. I will deeply miss you.*  
*Love Gerry*



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**geraldine Zbikowski** - September 07, 2019 at 02:06 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Antonina "Nettie" Zbikowski.*



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September 07, 2019 at 12:45 PM



Cynthia  
Craft

“ Grandma gave many of us a very precious gift we jokingly call "the Z chromosome". The Z chromosome is the feistiness that keeps us from being taken advantage of, it is what got grandma a busted up face when she got mugged in the parking lot, but that man DID NOT get her empty \$5 K Mart purse . It is tough; that Z chromosome. It is what gets us back up after taking a beating.

It gives us tenacity. I remember walking around the block with grandma and Stacey and they argued the whole way around. Grandma insisted she could walk a five minute mile, Stacey tried to convince her that was impossible, but that Z chromosome, although completely irrational at times wins arguments sometimes due to surrender out of pure exhaustion.

That Z Chromosome keeps us frugal. It keeps us from giving our money to the bank and writing checks unnecessarily. It is what helps us plan ahead, stock up and save. It is what makes us irrationally dump all the jelly off the Big Boy table into our purse.

The Z Chromosome is what gives us the ability to speak our mind right then and there with out a filter with out a care. Chloe's first expierance with the a string of cuss words was when we took grandma out to eat at a little polish restaurant in Livonia.

That Z chromosome gives us our fight, it will get us to live well into our 90's. That is a part of Grandma that we will pass on through out the ages.

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**Cynthia Craft** - September 06, 2019 at 02:26 PM

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“ This is so Grandma;

We would shovel her snow and she would yell at us to come and "take a break, you're working too hard, come warm up" but once we finished her driveway she told us to go do the neighbors'.

We're going to miss you very much Grandma!!

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**Stacey** - September 06, 2019 at 11:14 AM

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**Stacey** - September 06, 2019 at 11:13 AM

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**carol** - September 06, 2019 at 08:41 AM

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“ I love you mom. There are so many memories, from your cooking awesome crepes to your horrible pot toast, which I still don't like eating don't care who makes it. Trying to teach how to crochet which turned out you do it my way or don't do it so a few of us didn't learn. Your stubbornness and your orneriness which is living on in your children, grandchildren and even your greats. Now there's a TRIBUTE to you!! Yes I do see a little sometimes a lot in all of us. Rest In Peace mom. Remember “ God willing and able “ now your able to see, hear again and talk where you can be heard, and I pity everyone who can hear you I know your making up for lost time. Keep watch over your loved ones

Love

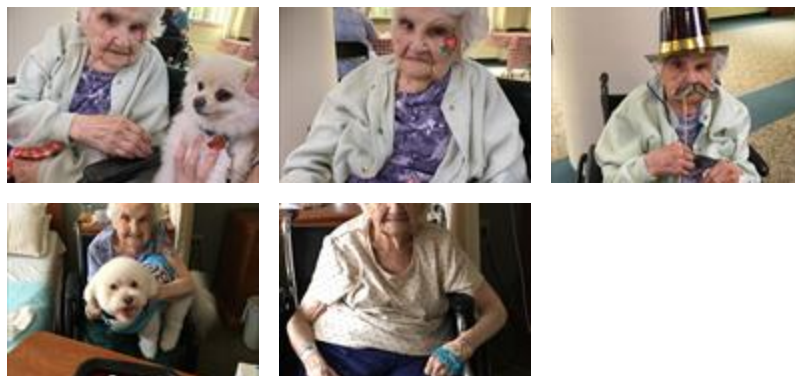
Carol

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carol - September 06, 2019 at 06:34 AM

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carol - September 06, 2019 at 06:02 AM

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“ Carol lit a candle in memory of Antonina  
"Nettie" Zbikowski



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**carol** - September 06, 2019 at 05:56 AM