



Elizabeth Jane Strauss

February 16, 1920 - January 21, 2011

Elizabeth Jane Strauss, February 16, 1920 – January 21, 2011, died peacefully at home with her son by her side following a short illness. Betty lived for nearly 91 wonderful years, a charming, elegant, beautiful and generous wife, mother, sister, grandmother and mother-in-law. Betty had many lifelong friends. The "Betty Bunch" of which she was a founding member 75 years ago, a group of high school friends who shared the same name and many good times together. Betty loved the theater and before her marriage, studied at the Pasadena Playhouse. She acted locally with the Ridgedale Players for many years with her husband of 51 years, Charles, who predeceased her in 1992. She was a devoted member of the National Shrine of the Little Flower Catholic Church for many years, and taught catechism to developmentally impaired children. She and Chuck traveled all over Europe, Japan, Central America and the Caribbean. Betty was always beautifully dressed, and loved parties and fun. She was a lifelong reader, who liked to discuss politics and current events. Her curiosity and spirit of adventure was lifelong. She is survived by her children, Charles Elizabeth, Mary, Susan William Rechlin and Paul Gloria; her grandchildren, Lisa Ken Veenstra and Charlie Millerwise; four great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. The visitation will be Sunday 4-8 p.m. and Monday 2-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. Rosary on Monday at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Road 4 blocks E. of Woodward, Royal Oak. Mrs. Strauss will lie in state Tuesday 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass 10 a.m. at the National Shrine of the

Little Flower in Royal Oak. A private burial will take place at Lakeville Cemetery in Addison Township. Memorials to St. Aloysius Community Center in Detroit appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Sue - I am sorry to hear about your mom's passing. I didn't know until today - my mom was singing at the funeral and she's sorry she missed you. She saw the pictures after and mentioned that your mom was a very pretty woman.

Jean Ivory Sheldon - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I knew from the moment I met Elizabeth she was a special lady. She has taught me so much about kindness and generosity. She was a treasure and pleasure to know and will be missed here on earth. The party may be over here, but its just began in Heaven. Love you Elizabeth, Shelley

Shelley Henke - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Skip, Mary, Sue and Paul, I am so sorry!!! I wish I could be there to give you all support and love..I will miss Aunt Betty, your mom so much..What a wonderful laugh, and spirit she had... Most of all her kindness... She really could make me laugh.... I loved her and she will always be in my heart... The party you gave her for her 90th was so special and fun... She was so happy and so proud of you all... I am proud to have had the Strauss family part of mine.. We have all been so lucky... Again I send my love to you all... Love, Barbara

Barbara Beltaire - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Sue: I never met your mother but I send my sympathies to you and your family. I am so sorry for your loss. Losing a parent is so hard. I just lost Dad 2 years ago, so I know. Hopefully, you and Bill can get together with me and David for lunch or dinner while you are down here for the funeral. You are in my prayers. My phone number is 248-207-5013. Hope to see you soon. Jan Kobert

Jan Kobert - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Kathy and I will never forget the immediate smile and true friendship that Betty gave us from the first time we met her. We shared many good times with her and Chuck at the SMI meetings in different cities. May God take you in His arms to reunite you with Chuck and other family and friends who have gone before you.

Ron and Kathy Allen - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM