



## Hildegard Downs

August 3, 1924 - April 19, 2017

Hildegard Downs, age 92, a resident of Royal Oak since 1950, passed away April 19, 2017. She was born August 3, 1924 in Maibach, Germany to the late Karl and Anna Weisel. Beloved wife of the late Wilmer Downs; loving mother of Hal (Caroline) Weisel; and proud grandmother of Heidi Weisel.

Visitation Saturday 10:30 a.m. until the time of service 1 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak. Burial at Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley.

Memorials to the American Diabetes Association or American Heart Association are appreciated.

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# Cemetery Details

## Roseland Park Cemetery

29001 Woodward Avenue  
(NW corner of 12 Mile and Woodward)  
Berkley, MI 48072

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**APR 22.** 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
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## Funeral Services

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences to your family. She was a very special lady who was blessed to live a very long life. She was always kind to my son always making sure to give him candy at Halloween or when he shoveled her walkway. We will truly miss her presence.*



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**karen nowicki** - April 22, 2017 at 10:04 PM

RO

“ Dear Family & Friends,



*Our condolences to you! Hilda will be deeply missed. She held a special spot in my heart. We had shared dreams and memories together during each visit despite the frequency of them. She always made me feel at home in her space. I once interviewed her when I was going to school about her experience(s) of living in Germany as a young girl which was also during WWII and what impacts it had on her later in life. We spoke for hours about her memories, her brother being POW and working hard. She spoke with such clarity and sorrow that I captured a hidden fragment of her life that seemed like sharing a secret. I can also remember when I returned from my travels to Germany for the first time and how excited she was to share in my experience looking at my powerpoint. I even twisted her arm (figuratively) to drink a German beer in my new found steins while chatting about the trip and what she could remember of the language and amazing foods. One of my last memories of Hilda was while she was at one of several care facilities, I had made homemade chicken soup and thought to bring her some. As she indulged in my cooking, I spoke to her about my job and family. Afterwards, she asked me to take her down stairs for an ice cream. We sat there talking about the beautiful finch habitat eating our cones and discussing the movie that was scheduled to play. I knew she enjoyed visiting her home town on Google Earth and the facility had an internet connection, so we went traveling back to her town; Maibach. It was such a beautiful sunny and wonderful day. I really enjoyed my visit. To live until 92 is an incredible feat which reflects upon her determination and the loving care she received from her family. Great woman build families of distinction that changes the course of life and makes the world a better place. I will miss my oldest friend (inside joke) and will plant something beautiful in her memory to remind me to be as kind and strong and visit Germany in her memory!*

Love,

*Rose Filthaut and Family*

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**Rose** - April 22, 2017 at 10:19 AM

PM

“ *Paul, Cindy And David Mungle lit a candle in memory of Hildegard Downs*



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**Paul, Cindy and David Mungle** - April 21, 2017 at 04:20 PM

JJ

“ *Jean Fronius and Janet purchased the Arrive in S tyle for the family of Hildegard Downs.*



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**Jean Fronius and Janet** - April 20, 2017 at 11:24 AM

JF

“ *When I was very young Hilda would watch me for lunch sometimes. She always made me buttered bread and spaghetti o's. She will be missed Janet*

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**Janet wirmel fronius** - April 19, 2017 at 08:30 PM