



Janavice C. Brancheau

October 5, 1923 - May 27, 2012

Brancheau, Janavice C., age 88, a resident of Royal Oak since 1951, died May 27, 2012 in Charlevoix, MI. She was born October 5, 1923 in New York City, New York. Mrs. Brancheau was a very active parishioner of St. Mary Catholic Church in Royal Oak since 1962, and longtime volunteer at the Clothes Closet. She was the St. Mary's Grade School secretary from 1977–1980 and the St. Mary's High School secretary from 1981–1984. Mrs. Brancheau also was a precinct volunteer for the Royal Oak elections. She was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth W. Brancheau, Sr.; the couple married June 22, 1946 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park. She is survived by her children, Mary Lou O'Keefe of San Diego, CA, Peggy Mullenniex of Berkley, Patrick Joan Brancheau of Bloomfield, Jane Brancheau of Royal Oak, Jerry Brancheau of Royal Oak, Kenneth Mary Brancheau, Jr. of White Lake, Elaine Carlisle of Royal Oak, Charles Cindi Brancheau of Aurora, IL, Jon Ann Wayne MacKenzie of Royal Oak and Megan Cooley Smith of Waxhaw, NC; 23 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Sister of Marie Shank, Peggy Gaabo and Charles Caren. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Kathleen Brancheau in 1965 and son, Michael Brancheau in 2008. The visitation will be Wednesday 2-9 p.m. with a 7 p.m. scripture service at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven Mile Road 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Mrs. Brancheau will lie in state Thursday 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass 10 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church in Royal Oak. Inurnment will take place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in

Southfield. Memorials to St. Mary Catholic Church, Royal Oak or The Capuchins are appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

KO

“ I have never been more proud of who I am and where I have come from...Grandma, you and Grandpa were so kind, loving, spiritual, supportive and simply amazing. You both have given me more strength and motivation to be better in everything I say and do. We will miss you all so much. I am so honored to be your granddaughter. Love to you and our entire family during this difficult time. I will forever be grateful for last summer in Michigan so you and Grandpa could meet my children. We love you and will keep you with us always. Love Kelly, Kelly, Ethan and Stella Clary

Kelly Clary O'Keefe - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I'm keeping the entire Brancheau family in my thoughts and prayers. Sorry I couldn't be there in person to share my feelings with you all. It's nice to think that Ken and Jonnie are together and happy again!
Doug

Doug Bernia - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ I am so deeply sorry to hear of Jonny's passing. May she rest in peace.

Gary O'Keefe - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Brancheau family, My you are all in our thoughts and prayers as you endure this very difficult time in your lives. I can only image the sense of loss your are feeling having lost both parents so close together. Take comfort in knowing that they are together again with our heavenly father. They had a special love that they shared with you all and were a great example for everyone. Hugs and prayers to you all!

Julie McAllister - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I extend my sympathies to the Brancheau family. I have only fond memories of your mom and dad.

Dennis Bernia - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Chuck, Cindi, and family... This is such a difficult time for you we are sure. We won't begin to pretend to know the sadness that you feel right now. Try to rest easy in knowing that your mom and dad are together once more for all of eternity. It won't be long before you will be able to honor both of them with your happiness and laughter over memories that you all shared. We love you guys! Jon, Shari and kids

Jon and Shari Lee - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Megan, I'm deeply sorry for the great loss you must feel over the sudden demise of your Grandmother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. With Heart-felt Sympathy, Manik Sardessai

Manik Sardessai - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Dear Brancheau Family: We are so grateful to have been with you recently and to have seen Aunt Jonny and hugged her tight. But of course it was Pentecost Sunday that she said goodbye to be with Kenny. So sorry about your sudden loss and wish we could be there with you again. Please know that we are there in Spirit. Blessings from all of us in Portland.

Bill Sanchez and the Rest of the Sanchez Clan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I have had the honor of knowing Mrs. Brancheau for 20 years. I have always thought of her as a dear friend and I will miss her smile and the hugs she would give me when she came into the office. My deepest sympathy to the family.

Martha Schwartz - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ We were so sorry to hear about dear Aunt Johnny. I pray that knowing she has gone to be with the love of her life and with our Heavenly Father will bring some small comfort for you. May you find peace and comfort in knowing they are up there together, loving you all with a more perfect love and a far greater joy than we can imagine. Our hearts and prayers are with you.

Maggie Sanger - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ To the Brancheau Family: It is difficult to have lost 2 people so close together. Sending prayers to the entire family. They are both happy in Heaven. St. Mary lost 2 very strong pillars of the community.

Francis T. Maher - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ In Royal Oak we say "mighty oaks from tiny acorns grow". The Brancheau children came from two of the mightiest Royal Oaks we have ever known. How proud you must be of your parents now as you celebrate their lives! We all wish we could live up to the fine examples they set for us. God bless you all. Jerry & Nancy Ellison Rome, Italy

Jerry Ellison - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Dear Family of Mrs. Brancheau, I am so sorry for the great loss you must feel as you experience the sudden death of your mother, grandmother and friend. I knew your dear Mom and Dad from many funeral services they attended at the Shrine or at Sullivan's Funeral Home when I was there. Your Mom would always remind me that my brother, Jerry Ellison, was a good friend to her son, and she always had such a beautiful smile and faithful heart. May you be comforted with peace that your dear Mom and Dad now share in the eternal light and love of heaven together. Such good people! My prayers for all of you, Sister Noreen National Shrine of the Little Flower Pastoral Minister P.S. My brother is vacationing out of the country right now, but I will let him know of your loss.

Sister Noreen Ellison, SC - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ My thoughts are with your family now and in days to come. Your mother was a gracious and kind lady and so very easy to like. I will remember you all in my prayers and wish you peace knowing that she is with your dad again.

Marie Howell - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ To The Brancheau Family, I was so sad to hear the news about your Mom! I can only imagine how difficult this is for all of you. You were one very blessed family to have such a wonderful Mom and Dad who loved one another and each and everyone of you too!! Your Dad must have been so surprised...yet so happy to have the love of his life with him once again. May your hearts be filled with joy again soon...while remembering those wonderful family memories!!!

Joan Malane Mason - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM