



Kathleen M. LaPonsey

April 26, 1919 - March 14, 2012

Kathleen M. LaPonsey, age 92, a resident of Royal Oak since 1947, died March 14, 2012 at Clare Bridge of Utica. She was born April 26, 1919 in Jackson, MI to the late William and Madeline Bourke. Mrs. LaPonsey attended Cranbrook, Wayne State University and the University of Vienna, Austria. She graduated from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Jackson in 1942. She was a member of the Michigan Nurses Association since 1942, American Association of Nurse Anesthetists since 1943, American Red Cross since 1943, American Legion Post #253 in Royal Oak, Canadian Legion Post #84 in Royal Oak, Audubon Society, Detroit Zoological Society, Michigan Humane Society, Shrine Ladies Guild, Royal Oak Historical Society, Royal Oak Historical Guild and Fr. Solanus Guild. She was also a member and a past president of the Troy Lions Club. She is survived by her children, Kathleen Housler, Marc Dedenbach and Scott Dedenbach; and five grandchildren. The visitation will be Friday 3-8 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. LaPonsey will lie in state Saturday 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass 10 a.m. at the National Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak. The burial will take place at St. Anthony Cemetery in Hillsdale, MI. Memorials to the Capuchins - Fr. Solanus Guild appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

AZ

“ Wanted to let you know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Albert and Mary Zifilippo - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ scott,kath and mark, im so sorry. we will all miss her good cheer and the kind words she had for every one....peace and love to you

paul heber - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ When we were in highschool, she made me feel welcome in your home. That I found myself on the receiving end of her zingers simply underscored my inclusion--her acceptance. A few years ago on McNally's porch, she may not have seen me too clearly but her smart remarks and saavy observations made conversation sparkle. Your Mom will be missed.

Tricia Cameron - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

1A

“ Dear Scott Our Condolences to you & family We will miss her much, GOOD BLESS YOU SCOTT TARIQ & BOB

12&stephenson auto - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ I was not able to spend a lot of time with Kathleen but I will always be connected to her through family. I know she loved her family very much. I will always remember her big smile and kind disposition. I hope to one day have a life as full as hers. rest in peace aunt Kathleen.

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DP

“ Kathleen was such a good friend to me when I lived on 12 Mile Road, next door. I enjoyed her stories, her love of beauty, her love of Royal Oak history, and her interest in my life and family. She became a friend to my wife Linda. I remember her tricycle rides around the neighborhood, and her picture of that in the Tribune. Kathleen was a wonderful person and a great lady. I only wish we could have seen more of each other after Linda and I moved away from Royal Oak 6-7 years ago. I will let my children know of her passing, and my cousin Phyllis in England who she remembered with fondness. Thank you Scott, Mark and Kathleen.

David G. Penney - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Dear Cousins Scott, Kath and Mark -Our thoughts, prayers and sympathy are with you. I am so sorry we can't be there for you these next few days due to some ongoing health issues Karen's been experiencing but we are with you in spirit. I loved my Aunt Kathleen and have some great memories from the Connecticut Compound and her latest home. You're never ready to lose a parent. With love, Karen and Tom

Karen Dedenbach/Tom Talbot - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Our sincere condolences to the entire family of Aunt Kathleen. She was a beautiful and kind lady. She had such elegance and grace..she will be missed. May she rest in peace. God Bless

Leslie Affholter & Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ With a lilt of Irish laughter you can hear the angels sing. May the Holy Family bless all that remain here in this world until we are re-joined in the next. Your Friends, The Ellisons

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

LP

“ Scott, Marc and Kathleen, Please know what a joy it was for me to share a simple daily life with Kathleen. She made me smile; I made her smile, too. More than a neighbor to me ... I loved her. She and each of you, will remain in my prayers of thanksgiving. My love, Linda Penney

Linda Penney - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Dearest Grandma'D'.. We will miss you.. especially your smile and beautiful face.. I love you.. Angela

Angela Rojas-Dedenbach - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Under the lilac trees sleep and dream Aunt Kathleen.

Bridget Heber - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Gary and I remember you as a sweet, quiet and loving person who cared very much for those she loved. Now you may rest in the care of Our Lord. God Bless You. You will be missed dearly. The Grimshaws

Laura & Gary Grimshaw - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Sincere condolences to Scott, Marc Kathleen and their families. Whenever we got together, Aunt Kathleen was genuinely interested in hearing the latest family news. My mom always had a special fondness for her and shared many good stories with us. She will be missed.

Richard Locke - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. God rest your soul Great Aunt Kathleen. Love, Maria and Lou

Maria Zolin-Tomma - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ Mrs. LaPonsey, You are now at peace. You have always shown me kindness and I was so happy when you meet Patty and brightend her life. Give her a hug from me. Walk now with God.

Georgia Oates - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Rest in peace, Kathleen. You were a wonder, first to last. Go with God.

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

EH

“ Grandma, my sorrow can only be replaced by thoughts of knowing that you are somewhere now where there is no pain, no suffering and no illness. Your spirit lives on and my memories of you will never fade. I love you now as always. Love Erich.

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