



Laronna Mildred V'Soske

September 20, 1930 - August 8, 2017

Laronna M. V'Soske, age 86 and longtime resident of Royal Oak, passed away on August 8, 2017 at Wm. Beaumont Hospital. Laronna was born in Detroit, MI and earned a degree in home economics from Michigan State University. She initially worked for Detroit Edison in its Home Kitchens department, and in her later years for the city of Royal Oak, but her main career was as a devoted homemaker raising her three children.

Laronna's faith was a central part of her life, and she spent much time studying the Bible. She also particularly loved being with her grandchildren and enjoyed seeing the smiles on all their faces. Beyond her faith and family, Laronna also had a love for anything and everything that had to do with birds. She collected many bird carvings, bird figurines, and bird paintings in her home. Indeed, her friends always knew on special occasions to send her bird-themed greeting cards, and she had an entire china cabinet filled with bird-themed pieces—all given to her by friends.

Laronna loved nature and instilled in her children a similar appreciation. From the nature walks at sites like Seven Ponds Nature Center in Dryden, to the family road trips around the Upper and Lower Peninsulas of Michigan, her children warmly remember the adventures their mother treated them to. The road trips themselves were oftentimes to National Forests and State Forests, where there weren't tons of amenities, but instead a clear focus on nature.

Laronna's children are especially grateful for their memory of a road trip to the Upper Peninsula-their mother driving the family through the "UP" in a Bonneville convertible-pop-up camper in tow.

Laronna is survived by her children, Kay (Janice L.) V'Soske, Linda (Gordon) V'Soske Arnold, and Mark V'Soske; her grandchildren, Christopher (Lindsay) Arnold, Shawn (Breeanne) Arnold, Kelly V'Soske, Emmett Thalmann, Kollin (Amy) Arnold, Andrew (Amber) V'Soske, and Nicholas Arnold; and her great-grandchildren, Trevor Arnold, Ethan Arnold, Morgan Thalman, Mollie Thalman, Emilee Thalman, Alivia Arnold, Maxwell Arnold, Benjamin Thalman, and Lille Arnold. She was predeceased by her parents, Romald and Mildred Fisher.

Laronna was the type of person who easily made friends, and she was someone whom people tended to stay in touch with. She was very loved in many ways, and she will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the Royal Oak Missionary Church, 411 E. 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48067. In lieu of flowers, Laronna's family would appreciate memorial contributions to the Mother and Unborn Baby Care Center, 24500 Southfield Road, Southfield, MI 48075.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Royal Oak Church
411 E. 11 Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Tribute Wall

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“ I first saw Mrs. V'Soske in the parking structure in Royal Oak and then later got to know her better at ROMC when my daughter Devon was in Pioneer Girls. She was such a pleasant person to be around and I thought she was terrific! I'm so sad I missed the memorial service. Cindy Maurice

Cindy Maurice - August 25, 2017 at 04:24 PM

“ This woman is responsible for my salvation (well, her and The Holy Spirit). When I met her 15 year old daughter I knew nothing of the Kingdom of Christ, God The Creator nothing. It may be hard to imagine an 18 year old having no concept of The Good News ... but that was me. Oh I had heard the words and knew of the Jesus Freaks, etc., but to put this into perspective, On my first Christmas Eve with the family, I was rather wierded-out when she came out with a birthday cake (for Jesus). Not only did I think this was odd, but I truly had no idea that Christmas was the celebration of Christ's birth. To be short ... the same goes for Eater ... Not denial ... no clue at all.

When Linda & I were talking of marriage, it was made clear that there would be no unequally yoked marriage, by Laronna and Pastor Petersen. Pastor Petersen gave me the Good News and prayed with me as I accepted Christ's blood. I wasn't fully sure of what I had just done, at the moment, but grew in Christ and sanctification.

Thank you, dear mother ... I may have never come to The Kingdom, but for you.

I have posted this in other places, but Paul's words exemplify the long final years for Laronna and how she lived and witnessed:

Philippians 1:21-26

21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 But if I go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. So what shall I choose? I do not know. 23 I am torn between the two. I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better indeed. 24 But it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.

25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that through my coming to you again, your exultation in Christ Jesus will resound on account of me.

And now

Verse 23 has been fulfilled.

Gordon Arnold - August 11, 2017 at 11:17 AM

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Gordon, thanks for sharing the powerful influence that Laronna had on your faith and Christian walk. She never lost her passion for Jesus in the good times, nor during her deepest times of suffering. She also had a great love for people. She was a comfort to me and so many others. Thanks again, Donna Osborne

Donna Osborne - August 13, 2017 at 07:47 PM