



## Maggie Henkel

March 16, 1925 - January 2, 2016

Henkel, Margaret "Maggie" Newell. Age 90. Eighty year resident of Birmingham passed away in Royal Oak on January 2, 2016. Margaret was born on March 16, 1925 to the late Frank and Hazel Newell in Detroit. They lived briefly in Rosedale Park before settling in Birmingham. Margaret spent many winters as a child figure skating on Quarton Lake. Summers were filled with dances at the Community House and meals at all of the hot spots along Woodward. Following the war, she married Frederick H. Henkel.

Margaret began studies at the University of Michigan and was a lifelong fan of Michigan football, but during the war she dropped out to work for Birmingham's Ration Board. During that time she developed a love for bridge and gathering with friends. As a result, she became a 30+ year member of the Women's Village Club bridge group.

Over the years, Margaret worked for both the University of Michigan doing research at Willow Run as well as Erb Lumber. She spent a great deal of her working career at Ford Motor Company in the real estate division.

More than anything else, Margaret was a great friend to everyone she met. She was always interested in what was going on with you. She was often referred to as "my favorite ..." and people always remembered her smile and beautiful blue eyes.

Loving mother of Frederick W. (Elizabeth), Karen J., Andrew J., and the late Margaret L. Spitzley.; proud grandmother of Jason M. Spitzley and Kelly A. Potter; great grandmother to Maggie G. Potter, John O. Potter, and Allison S. Potter; dear sister to the late Elizabeth (John) Vander Roest and Frances (Robert) Warner. Devoted aunt to six, their spouses and all of their children as well as a newly born great-great niece.

Memorial gathering Wednesday from 10 am until time of service at noon at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak.

Memorial contributions to The Village Club, 190 E. Long Lake Road, Birmingham, MI 48009, Birmingham Fire and Rescue ~ Checks made to: City of Birmingham: EMS Special Fund (Adams), 151 Martin St., PO Box 3001, Birmingham, MI 48012, or Michigan Humane Society, Attn: Honorariums and Memorials, 30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025 are appreciated.

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# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JAN 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
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## Memorial Service

JAN 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

GG

“ My condolences to Maggie's family. As the recent chairperson of the Village Club Bridge marathon group, Maggie has been a "scorer" for me for several years. She did her job with precision, and good humor. I will miss seeing Maggie at the Village club bridge table.  
Gay Garcia

Gay Garcia - January 05, 2016 at 12:05 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Maggie Henkel.



January 05, 2016 at 11:22 AM

JR

“ What a special lady, always so thoughtful even as sick as she was. I know she will be truly miss. My thoughts and prayers are with family  
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jenny

jenny ralston - January 05, 2016 at 08:41 AM

RK

“ We're going to miss her. Such a nice lady. Thoughts and prayers to her family

Rick Killbourn - January 04, 2016 at 08:08 PM



“ *Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket was purchased for the family of Maggie Henkel.*



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January 04, 2016 at 05:51 PM



“ *Such a loss to everyone who knew her. She was a favorite aunt of mine and like a second mother to me. She will be greatly missed and our hearts go out to the Henkel family.*

*Dave and Linda Vander Roest*

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**Dave and Linda VanderRoest** - January 04, 2016 at 05:41 PM



“ *What can I say? She will be greatly missed. She was not only my Mom's sister but her best friend. She was like a Mom to me after mine died. She was happy and positive and fun to talk to. I am so very grateful for the week I had with her last May.*

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**Marty** - January 04, 2016 at 01:29 PM