



Marcia Ewalda Opalewski

October 1, 1942 - April 15, 2020

Marcia Ewalda (nee Burg) Opalewski, 77, of Utica, MI passed away peacefully at her home on Wednesday, April 15, 2020. Marcia was born in Hamtramck, MI on October 1, 1942, daughter of Ewald Burg and Stella (nee Podolski) Burg. In addition to the above, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Leonard Opalewski, whom she married on July 11, 1964 and her brother, Marlin Burg.

After graduating from St. Clements High School in Center Line, MI, Marcia began working for Consumers Power. After many years as a homemaker, Marcia returned to the workforce and began working for Ray Electric in Sterling Hgts. She retired in 2018 after thirty years of service.

Marcia was a fierce protector of her family and also the rock. Even though widowed for 28 years, she was a steadily devoted wife and mother, loving grandmother, faithful daughter, caring sister, dear aunt, and loyal friend.

Marcia was known for her great big laugh, unbelievable resolve and strength, kind and selfless-heart, and a great cook. She was an avid reader, enjoyed knitting and listening to country music. In more recent years, during the summers, you could find her zipping around town or taking long drives in her convertible Thunderbird. Marcia cherished dinners with her family and friends or just sitting on the patio catching up. She will be greatly missed, but never forgotten by all who knew and loved her.

Marcia is survived by her three children: Stacy (Russ) Zanke of Washington Twp, MI; Eric (Lisa) Opalewski of Leonard, MI and Sara (Scott) Ault of

Fayetteville, GA. She has four grandchildren: Kimberlyn Zanke, Kyle Zanke of Washington Twp; Grace Opalewski, Jack Opalewski of Leonard, MI; Garrison Ault of Fayetteville, GA and two siblings Mark (Shirley) Burg of Sterling Hgts, MI and Patricia (Michael) Pavich of Shelby Twp, MI and several nephews and nieces.

A memorial service will be planned at a later date after restrictions have been lifted

Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Marcia Ewalda Opalewski*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - April 19, 2020 at 01:40 PM

BR

“ *So sorry for your loss. Marcia was always smiling when she came into City Hall.*
Beth Ricketts

Beth Ricketts - May 22, 2020 at 04:29 PM

PS

“ We wish to pass along our deepest sympathies to Marcia's family. We were deeply saddened by her passing. We always felt that Marcia was very much a part of our family at Ray Electric having worked with us for 30 years. Marcia was an excellent associate who always worked diligently at whatever tasks were put before her. She was always very dependable. We could always rely on Marcia to put her best effort to get the job done on time and with the highest accuracy. Marcia had a wonderful smile and a fun sense of humor. Most importantly she was never shy about sharing the love she had for her children and grandchildren. Anyone could see how happy she was going off for a visit to them or was having them over to her home. We want you to know how thankful we are to have been able to work together with Marcia over all these years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely yours, Peter and Chris de Steiger

Peter de Steiger - May 22, 2020 at 01:49 PM

DH

“ My sincere condolences to the family. Your Mom (my Aunt Marcia) was an absolute delight. She was a beautiful woman inside and out. She and my mom, Joy, were the best of friends. The kind of friend you meet, your hearts join and it's forever. They would talk for hours. Laugh and cry. I will never forget your Mom's laugh and the beautiful twinkle in her eye. When I was a little girl, I asked her how she did that (made her eyes twinkle). She said "well honey, I'm not sure but we can work on it." Aunt Marcia wrote to me at Christmas to say how she loved getting my Christmas card and seeing Joy's smile. She said she still missed her best friend. Now they're together. May she RIP.

Danielle Hartley - April 24, 2020 at 11:47 AM

JK

“ I worked with Marcia at Ray Electric for many years, She had an infectious laugh and truly will be missed. We looked forward to coming in on Tuesdays and talking about Dancing with the Stars and saying that we both could have done so much better. Marcia loved country music and I will miss texting her to remind her to turn on the Country Music Awards every year. We loved critiquing what the women would wear and talking about her favorite, Keith Urban, To her children and grandchildren, may it bring you comfort that you all were truly loved and now you have an angel watching out for all of you. I am so sorry for your loss.

Joyce Karwowicz

Joyce Karwowicz - April 20, 2020 at 09:28 PM

LE

“ Marcia and I were friends and co-workers for over 25 years. We spent countless hours talking about our kids and grandkids and always found a reason to laugh. Even when things were not going well health wise, Marcia found a way to share her contagious laugh. My heart hurts for her family and she will be greatly missed! I already miss you!!

LaVona and Bob Eaton

LaVona Eaton - April 20, 2020 at 10:56 AM

DO

“ Years ago I had the pleasure of meeting Marcia while we both were involved with St. Lawrence religious education at Flickinger school. She had a wonderful personality, with an infectious, robust laugh. We met over coffee many times, and shared lots of stories. Over the years we drifted, and I missed that. She was a strong, courageous, caring person. She will certainly be missed.
With my deepest sympathy,
Delphine Olson

Delphine Olson - April 19, 2020 at 08:44 PM

JN

“ Marcia was a fiercely loyal friend, wife and mother. She was so much fun to be with and her intellect was astounding. A great worker, organizer and talented in so many ways, Marcia brought a sense of humor and joy to all she did. Ray Electric and the City of Utica were lucky to have her for so long. Steel Magnolias will never be the same!

We grieve with Stacy, Eric and Sara and their families. May their memories comfort them forever. We loved and cherished your friendship and presence in our lives! Rest In Peace dear friend with Len and you will always be in our hearts.
Jerry and Jackie Noonan

Jacqueline K. Noonan - April 19, 2020 at 10:17 AM

CC

“ *Marcia was a great friend and coworker at Ray electric. I will miss her smile and the lunches we had together at her house in between working hours. She had a beautiful laugh and i nick named her Gina Lolabridgida. Because she was beautiful like Gina and Sophia Loren. What fun we used to have. She will be missed. So sorry for all her children and grandchildrens loss.*

Christine Campbell

christine Campbell - April 18, 2020 at 05:39 PM

DM

“ *It is with great sadness that we hear of the passing of Marcia. She was always so upbeat and fun to be around. We shall continue to cherish the memories of watching our sons play soccer together and our daughters as cheerleaders cheering them on with their routines. May your cherished memories of your mom, the love of your family and many friends sustain you in this difficult time. Much love, Bob and Dottie Mixa*

Dottie Muxa - April 18, 2020 at 10:12 AM

IK

“ *I am honored & blessed to have known Marcia. I have lost a BEST FRIEND of 50 years. All the laughs we had, miss the way we used to talk, always being there for each other ,.....*

.Stacy, Eric & Sara, I'm sorry you lost your mom. I pray that the memories of your mother will ease your pain as you move forward in life without her.

Ilze Korb

Ilze Korb - April 18, 2020 at 08:20 AM

CH

“ *Marcia was a good friend and she is going to be missed. I'm going to miss getting together for dinner with the (Steel Magnolias) our group of 4 that we called ourselves. My prayers are with Stacy, Eric and Sara I'm so sorry for your loss.*

RIP Marcia 🙏🙏🙏

Carol Hudson - April 17, 2020 at 10:25 PM

SA

“ *1 file added to the album Marcia and Leonard*



Sara Ault - April 17, 2020 at 09:13 PM

KD

*Love this picture of Aunt Marcia & Uncle Len!
After all these years they are together again!
Hugs & prayers to you all during this time, Stacy, Eric & Sara*

Kristen Duncan - April 19, 2020 at 12:57 AM

SZ

“ *2 files added to the album Grandchildren*



Stacy Zanke - April 17, 2020 at 07:35 PM

SZ

“ 1 file added to the album *Grandchildren*



Stacy Zanke - April 17, 2020 at 07:29 PM