



Mary Stefanka-Plonka

April 28, 1919 - July 28, 2019

Mary Stefanka-Plonka, of Shelby Township, formerly of Hamtramck, passed away on July 28, 2019 at the age of 100. Mary was born on April 28, 1919 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Mary is the cherished mother of Robert (Sally) Stefanka, Marian (the late Ted) Smiecinski, Debra (Jerry) Zaleski, Michael (Laurie) Stefanka; the loving grandmother of 10; the dear great-grandmother of 13; and the beloved great-great grandmother of 1; and the dear sister of Catherine (the late Samuel) Stehnach and Margaret (Gerald) Hawk. Mary was preceded in death by her husbands Michael Stefanka and Stanley Plonka, and 5 siblings.

The Stefanka-Plonka family will receive friends for visitation on Wednesday, July 31, from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. with a rosary service at 4:00 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica. A Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, August 1, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 44633 Utica Road, Utica, instate at 9:30 a.m. until time of mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment at St. Lawrence Cemetery. Memorials are appreciated to St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Please share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Cemetery Details

St. Lawrence Cemetery

Auburn Road
Utica, MI 48317

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
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Altar Society Rosary

JUL 31. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

AUG 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
44633 Utica Road
Utica, MI 48317

Tribute Wall

“ Good morning, Nanny

A special page just for you! A chance for everyone to tell you how much you mean to them, memories you've shared, the laughs through your many years, the things that come mind whenever your name is mentioned. Like a hot cup of tea (2 dunks!) with lemon & sugar but you eventually dropped sugar. Your candy dish was never empty. Butterscotch, licorice, the Goetz caramels with the white center and the English licorice Allsorts. All the different colors, round, square, some covered in nonpareils. I remember us talking about how they couldn't be found anymore and you missed them. Wasn't long after that I found small bags of them. Was it Mother's Day I gave them to you? The look on your face. Snacking on oyster crackers & animal crackers. When us older grandkids were little, I remember the Cracker Jacks, too. (Hey! I just realized... all your favorite snacks were crackers!) Your newest addiction became that puffy popcorn stuff, though. It was never difficult when it came to you eating out. Fast food was Whoppers & Chalupas. (Chalupas?! You crack me up!) Does Kentucky Fried Chicken count as fast food? "Make sure they put some wings in there for me" and you'd be shaking your finger. You had your favorite restaurants and favorite foods, too. Nothing like Wonton at Ping On. You never turned down a chance for a Classic Big Boy with fries, either! Your cooking is probably the first thing that comes to just about everyone's mind. Rice pudding, chrusciki (angel wings), golumpki (stuffed cabbage), cream puffs, nut rolls and (drum roll, please) PIEROGIES! One of MY top memories has to be you complaining "I'm 69 years old and all my friends have great-grandchildren". I made mom n dad tell you that you to the nurse's desk to call before you come see your FIRST great-grandchild. We were standing by the bed when you came in. I wrapped Jamie in his blanket, tucked a card in there (he signed it himself!) n i had a bow on his head. "Happy birthday, Nanny! I made this just for you!" and handed you that whopping 10 pound package. He cut it close (2 hours 6 minutes close!) but you were a great-grandma at 69. After that, they just kept coming. Well, I guess I should get going. We both have a big day today. You've always been a classy lady, Nanny, so I know you're

making sure every hair is in place, your make up is ok & your lipstick goes well with your outfit.

I love, Nanny!

Hugs & Kisses

Susie



Susie - July 31, 2019 at 11:58 AM

TS

“ *Terri Stefanka and Carol Schellenberg purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Stefanka-Plonka.*



Terri Stefanka and Carol Schellenberg - July 31, 2019 at 11:39 AM

BM

“ *Mom #2 You have always been that to me since the day I met you and your family when I flew out from New Jersey to Michigan to meet Deb (my pen pal) in person about 50 years ago. I'll always remember how you sent me letters thanking me for introducing Deb and Jerry and making her very happy here in NJ and calling me your NJ daughter. You will always be in my heart. Rest well. Love Blanche*

Blanche Mustilli - July 30, 2019 at 10:35 PM

AN

“ Aunt Mary always had a smile on her face. And she made the best cakes and frostings. The only time the kitchen got the best of her was when her pressure cooker sprayed a stream all the way to the ceiling! You were loved!

Alicia Needham - July 30, 2019 at 06:03 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Stefanka-Plonka.



July 30, 2019 at 04:56 PM

TF

“ Tracy and Denise Dawe and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Stefanka-Plonka.



Tracy and Denise Dawe and family - July 30, 2019 at 11:55 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Stefanka-Plonka.



July 30, 2019 at 08:53 AM



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of *Mary Stefanka-Plonka*.



July 30, 2019 at 08:50 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Mary Stefanka-Plonka*.



July 30, 2019 at 08:12 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Mary Stefanka-Plonka*.



July 29, 2019 at 10:34 PM



“ I loved the bond we shared the moment I met her. Her lovely personality plus her genuine smile and kind generous heart was priceless. She will hold a special place in my heart forever... Our angel from heaven reunited with my dear father-in-law, mother-in-law and her sister Helen. She shared her deep love of her family with me and was so proud of all of you. I was fortunate to become a part of the dear Novotny family. I loved spending time talking with her (shared many a recipe and gave her my best medical advice) and will hold on to those precious memories forever until we all get called home to be with her and my dear parents as well...
Deb

Deb Novotny - July 29, 2019 at 10:20 PM

JG

“ My family and I send our love and sympathy....there are so many memories of her here on the farm....the laughs.....the tears when she had to leave Johnstown to go back to Michigan and now those memories we will cherish forever. We wanted to be with all of you at this time but just cant so please know you will be in our hearts and prayers...You are going to be busy Aunt Mary....being an angel to all of us.. I cant say enough how much I love you..... You left us but Heaven was waiting.

Jean Galus - July 29, 2019 at 09:25 PM

LS

“ Forever in our hearts ❤️



Laurie Stefanka - July 29, 2019 at 07:11 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Stefanka-Plonka.



July 29, 2019 at 06:24 PM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Mary Stefanka-Plonka.



July 29, 2019 at 06:00 PM



“ Lavender Tribute Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Stefanka-Plonka.



July 29, 2019 at 05:39 PM