



## Maxine Ilene Socha

November 18, 1928 - September 28, 2023

Maxine I. Socha, a woman of unwavering faith, a devoted wife, a loving mother, and a cherished grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away on September 28, 2023, at the age of 94.

Maxine is survived by her loving children, Gail (Vince) Minauro and Peggy (Barry) Upton, her adoring grandchildren, Jennifer Morgan and Douglas (Jennifer) Upton, as well as her great-grandchildren, Georgia, Graham, and Greta Morgan, and Everly and Blake Upton, who will forever carry her spirit forward. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in eternal rest, Maxine is reunited with her beloved husband, Harold Richard Socha, who passed away in 2000. She joins her parents, Fred and Amelia Helm, and her siblings, Fay (Charles) Schleutker, Arthur (Dona) Helm, and Marvin Helm, in heavenly peace.

Maxine was a woman of many talents, especially when it came to her sewing abilities. Her daughters, Gail and Peggy, were the recipients of her creativity, often adorned in matching ensembles lovingly made by Maxine herself. She had a painter's touch, bringing life to canvases with every brushstroke, and her crochet work was nothing short of artistry.

Her green thumb found solace in gardening, and her bountiful garden was a

testament to her dedication and love for nature. Maxine was also known for her culinary skills; her delicious meals brought joy and warmth to gatherings with family and friends. Maxine eagerly embraced family trips, be it up north or out of state, making each journey a memorable experience for all.

Maxine's legacy is one of faith, love, and boundless creativity. Her memory will forever be etched in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know her.

A Visitation will be held on Sunday, October 1, 2023, from 3-8pm at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica. A Funeral Service will be held on Monday, October 2, 2023, at Trinity Lutheran Church, located at 45160 Van Dyke Ave, in Utica, instate 10:30am until the time of the service at 11:30am. The family would like to invite everyone to a luncheon immediately following the services which will be held at the church. In Lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made out to, Trinity Community Care, Trinity Lutheran Church, or Accent Care Hospice.

# Cemetery Details

## White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road  
Troy, MI 48098

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 1. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Funeral Service

OCT 2. 11:30 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
45160 Van Dyke  
Utica, MI 48317

## Burial

OCT 2 (ET)

White Chapel Memorial Cemetery  
621 W. Long Lake Road  
Troy, MI 48098

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Maxine Socha Funeral Service at Trinity Lutheran Church (Live 10/2/23) in memory of Maxine Ilene Socha*



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**Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors** - September 29, 2023 at 10:10 AM

VL

*Aunt Maxine we were unaware of your passing. You always were cheerful and kind. You will be missed.*

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**Valerie Leeman** - October 28, 2023 at 02:28 PM

JU

“ *Maxine,*

*Thank you for accepting me into the family with open arms. Your smile was contagious, your giggles were infectious and I was comforted in your presence. You were so sweet to our kids. Your talks with Doug always left him feeling grounded and peaceful and for that I'm appreciative. You were such a thoughtful grandma, great grandma, and person. You will be missed dearly. May you rest in peace and eternal love.*

*Love you,  
Jennifer*



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**Jennifer Upton** - October 02, 2023 at 01:17 PM

GM

“ *Great-Grandma:*

*We have fond memories of our time spent with you and love you very much. Your bubbly enthusiasm and willingness to participate in our lives means so much to us.*

*Thank you and we love and miss you,  
Greta, Graham, & Georgia*

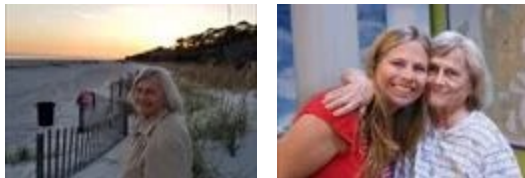


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**Great-Grandchildren Morgan** - October 02, 2023 at 09:30 AM

JM

“ *My Grandma Max has been such a prominent part of my life and I will miss her dearly. She helped to inspire my love of the arts and showed me what true unwavering faith looks like. She is now at peace with Grandpa and Jesus and I look forward to the day we will meet again. She was a devoted grandmother and great-grandmother wanting to know us well and be an active part of all of our lives. I love you, Grandma. Say 'hello' to Grandpa for me.*



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**Jenny Upton Morgan** - October 02, 2023 at 09:06 AM

PU

“ Dear Mom:

*I love you so much. I will miss your contagious laugh and that twinkle in your eyes when you think you are getting away with something. Your rose garden always inspired me to have one of my own, and your flair for cooking encouraged me as well. You doted over your grandchildren, and you were always there when I needed you to be. Watching you live a faith filled life was true inspiration to me.*

*Rest in Jesus loving peace,  
Peggy*

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**Peggy Upton** - September 30, 2023 at 04:16 PM

VL

*We just found out about your mother's passing. She was such a great woman. Prayers to the family. Valerie*

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**Valerie Leeman** - October 28, 2023 at 02:31 PM

BU

“ *Mother-in-law*

*There are always lots of comments about mother-in-laws. While Max, at times, could make you shake your head, I learned to consider Max as my second Mom. Mom accepted me into her family with loving arms and never forgot me on birthdays and special events. Mom raised two of the finest people I have ever known, and I was lucky enough to marry one of them (Peggy). Mom's strong faith, and love of Jesus, permeated our entire family and made us all better people because of it. Mom thank you for setting such a beautiful example of how to live life, and for loving me like your own son. Say hi to Dad for us and rest in the peace you so richly deserve. You will be missed.*

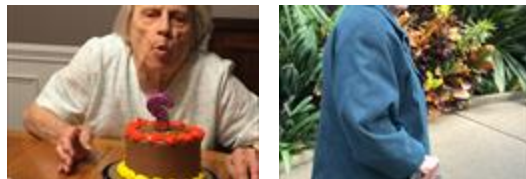
*Love ya,  
Barry*

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**Barry Upton** - September 30, 2023 at 10:07 AM

PU

“ *2 files added to the album Charlotte*



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**Peggy Upton** - September 30, 2023 at 09:55 AM

GM

“ Dear Mom:

*I am missing you so much! I know I will see you and Dad again someday, and I know you are resting in the arms of Jesus and are with Dad, which is what you have wanted for a long time. I was blessed to have you as my mother.*

*Love you always.*

*Gail*

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**Gail L Minauro** - September 29, 2023 at 12:57 PM

KL

“ Gail & Vince,

*So sorry for your loss. Cherish all the wonderful memories. Sending love and prayers to you both as well as the entire family.*

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**Karen & Kein Lepore** - September 29, 2023 at 12:55 PM

SS

*Dear Gail and Peggy and your families, I'm so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I only found out today. I still remember you girls and myself playing together when we were kids. We didn't get a lot of chances to do that but it was fun when we did. Please know you are all in my prayers. May our Lord hold you and give you His comfort and Peace even at such a time as this. My love to you both and to your families.*

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**Sheri Leeman Strang** - October 28, 2023 at 01:08 PM