



Mrs. Ruth L. Licari (Bouwkamp)

September 30, 1930 - March 11, 2018

Mrs. Ruth L. Licari (Bouwkamp) age 87 of Grand Rapids passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Sunday March 11, 2018. Ruth was married 32 years to the love of her life Bud before he passed away. During that time they had 5 children and built their home brick by brick, nail by nail, always working together to make the best home possible for their family, with Ruth carrying the bricks for Bud to cement in place. Ruth was a widow for 36 years. After Bud's death she went to work for Mercy Health cafeteria where she had many friends. In her retirement she continued living in the home they built until she was no longer able, because of health issues. Ruth was furiously independent, she wouldn't let anyone do anything she could do for herself. She was the last surviving sibling of the Bouwkamp family. She was preceded in death by her husband Bud Licari, her daughter Donna Swanson-Merritt, and her two grandsons Steven Marker and Ryan Kowalko. She leaves behind her children Diane (Chuck) Marker, Bob (Patricia) Licari, Denise (John) Kowalko, Danita (John) O'Brien; 11 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and two great great grandsons; several nieces and nephews.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday at 11:00 AM at Holy Spirit Church. She will repose at the church one hour before the Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. The family will receive visitors Thursday 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 PM at the Arsulowicz Brothers Remembrance Mortuary, 3525 Remembrance Rd where the Rosary will be prayed Thursday at 7:30 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Spectrum Health Hospice.

Cemetery

Resurrection Cemetery

4100 Clyde Park SW

Wyoming, MI, 49509