



Mrs. Sabina Kalinowski (Dabrowska)

April 2, 1935 - October 12, 2020

Mrs. Sabina Kalinowski (Dabrowska) age 85 of Grand Rapids passed-away peacefully on Monday October 12, 2020 surrounded by her loving family. She was born in the village of Konopki in NE Poland on April 2, 1935. She was preceded in death by her husband Wencel Kalinowski and her parents Franciczek and Bronislawa Dabrowski. Surviving are her children: Michael Paul (Rebecca) Kalinowski, Mathias Peter Kalinowski, Magdalena Maria (Jerome) Thomas; her eight grandchildren: Dr. Aaron, Andrew, Gregory and Jonathan Kalinowski, Joseph (Cristina) and Christian Milostan, Jacklyn Thomas and Natalie Kalinowski; siblings: Stefania Chase, Piotr Dombrowski, Janina (Janusz) Langiewicz; many loving nieces and nephews. On December of 1964, she accompanied her three young children from Poland to the US by sea, arriving in Grand Rapids to set up a home on the NE side. Her husband Wencel joined them shortly after that. She quickly learned English, worked as a lab technician @ Preston Products/Teledyne, got the kids settled in school and became an active parishioner at St. Isidore Parish. She was quick to open her doors, and heartfelt support to family members and friends coming from Poland to the United States. Her cooking was legendary whether it was for 5 or 50 and there was always a seat at her table for anyone. Wencel was the love of her life and they enjoyed traveling, dancing and entertaining together. When he was stricken with ALS, she became his loving caregiver for eleven years until he died in 1995. They were both dedicated members of the Polish Heritage Society and Sabina devoted time to Polish dance troupes that performed at Calder Plaza during the annual festivals. Sabina enjoyed classical music, live symphonies, theater, and singing in the church choir. Entertaining her family at holidays and special occasions brought her great joy and it was her passion. She was an early devotee of the Adoration Chapel at St. Isidore's and for years rose at 2: 00 am to pray there during her 2-4 am shift.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday October 17 at 11:00 AM at St. Isidore Church, where she will repose one hour prior to Mass. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. The family would like to thank Dr. Oleszkiewicz, and her nurse Vicki. The family would like to thank all the staff of Faith Hospice for their care and compassion. Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Hospice.

Cemetery

Holy Cross Cemetery
2000 Walker NW
Grand Rapids, MI, 49504

Events

OCT 17 Visitation 10:00AM - 11:00AM
St. Isidore Church
628 Diamond Av NE, Grand Rapids, MI, US, 49503

OCT 17 Mass of Christian Burial 11:00AM
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