



## Ann "Dolly" Kaczmarek

June 11, 1931 - September 4, 2009

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Age 78, of Portage, formerly of Hobart & Valparaiso, passed away on Friday, Sept. 4, 2009, at VNA Hospice.

Ann is now resting peacefully in the arms of God after a short but courageous battle with cancer. Born in Gary to Mike and Anne (Fritz) Svetich.

Ann worked at Gary Bolt Works where she met her love, Louis Kaczmarek, whom she would marry and spend the next 53 years together until his passing in 2001. As a bus driver for many years with Hobart Township Schools, Ann was a student favorite and made a positive impact on generations of children. From 1964-1986, Ann and Louis along with Andy and Irene Kaczmarek, owned and operated West Hobart Car Wash. Ann was also an active member of the Croatian Fraternal Union.

Ann is survived by her daughter Valerie Ann Kaczmarek of Portage who was Ann's best friend and care provider; her son Michael (Sally) Kaczmarek of Bloomingdale, IL - granddaughter Kallie; and son Mark (Maureen) Kaczmarek of Okemos, MI - grandsons Mitchell and Mason. Also surviving Ann is her loving sister Mary "Maggie" Mayhew, Uncles Ed Fritz, Rudy Fritz, John Fritz, Aunt Katie Svetich, and many special and loving nieces and nephews.

Ann's life will be celebrated at a special mass by Fr. Kevin McCarthy, at 11:00 am Saturday, September 19th at St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church in Valparaiso.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:

Visiting Nurses Association of Porter County – Hospice Care,  
501 Marquette Street, Valparaiso, IN 46383, 219-462-5195 or  
St Teresa of Avila Catholic Church, 1511 LaPorte Avenue, Valparaiso, IN  
46383. Cremation at the Burns Funeral Home Crematory will precede the  
Mass. Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN in charge of  
arrangements. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ Mickey, Mark and Valerie, I was so sorry to hear about your mother passing. It is a sad time, I've been there too. I will be out of town for the Memorial, I wish I could be there to see you all. Valerie I tried to send a card but your address is unlisted. Once again, you have my Condolences. Adele##imported-begin##Adele (Kauziok) Szymanski##imported-end##

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September 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM