



## Flora Gaeto

March 20, 1924 - August 28, 2013

GAETO, FLORA D.

(nee MELE), age 89, Valparaiso, IN (formerly of Gary's Ranburn Woods neighborhood) passed away on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 after a short illness. Flora was born on March 20, 1924 to Matthew and Theresa Mele in Chicago, IL. She graduated from Gary Froebel High School in 1942. In 1947, she married William R. Gaeto, who preceded her in death in 1998. She is also preceded in death by her two sisters, Diva Bianchi and Gloria Mele. She is survived by two children: Cynthia (Tim) Wardrip of Valparaiso and Gary (late Gail) Gaeto of Hopkinsville, KY; grandchildren: Nicholas (Laci) Wardrip, Kaylyn Wardrip, and Brian Wardrip; great-grandchildren: Graham Wardrip, and Hailie Wardrip, many nieces, nephews and cousins. She retired from Root Photographers in Chicago after working for many years in the studio photography industry. She was a longtime member of Blessed Sacrament Church in Gary. Flora brought joy and laughter to all who knew her. She enjoyed playing the piano and never forgot anyone's birthday. She was a very special lady and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Friends are invited to visit with Flora's family on Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. There will be a Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 10 a.m. DIRECTLY St. Joan of Arc Church, 200 E. 78th Ave., Merrillville, IN. Entombment following at Calumet Park Cemetery Mausoleum. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)



# Cemetery Details

## Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.  
Merrillville, IN 46410

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 1. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
10101 Broadway  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 769-0044  
info@burnsfuneral.com  
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joan of Arc Church  
200 E. 78th Ave  
Merrillville, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *A Devoted Heart Casket Insert was purchased for the family of Flora Gaeto.* ”



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August 29, 2013 at 11:24 AM



“ *A Fond Farewell Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Flora Gaeto.* ”



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