



Katarzyna "Baci" Polak

December 3, 1926 - February 9, 2023

Katarzyna (Baci) Polak, 96, of LaPorte, IN (formerly of Gary, IN and Coleman, WI) was received by her Lord and God on February 9, 2023. Born on December 3, 1926, Kazia was a force of nature to all who knew her. Taken from her home in Remel', Poland as a teenager and a survivor of Nazi slave labor camps, she made her way to the U.S. after WWII via Italy, Scotland and England, where she married her beloved husband Stanley. She was a housewife and mother, who loved to cook, sew, knit, crochet and had a green thumb that made any plant thrive. Kazia was also a staunch advocator of anything Polish. She was a member of Polish Womens Alliance Group 444, Polish National Allianace – Madam Curie Circle Lodge 3134, Ladies Aux. of Polish Army Veterans and Mothers of WWII. Kazia was a former member of St. Hedwigs Church and Holy Family of Gary and St. Joan of Arc in Merrillville. She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Stanley; parents, Nicolaj and Helena; sister, Maria and several more sisters and brothers in Europe. Kazia is survived by her brother, Majec in Belarus (Europe), children: Stosh Polak, Helen (John) Mitrovich, Ed (Laura) Polak, and Teresa (Ron) McQuillin; four grandchildren: Michael (Jen) Polak, Mikka (Ken) Ferrell, Mathew (Katie) McQuillin and Joseph (Jamie) McQuillin as well as four great-grandchildren and many cousins, nieces and nephews in the US, Europe, Canada and Australia. Memorial donations can be made to the Arthur B. & Ethel V. Horton VNA Hospice in Valparaiso, IN or the Sacred Heart Food Pantry in LaPorte, IN. A visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 14,

2023, from 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. A prayer service will take place on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 9:15 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home – Crown Point, proceeding to Holy Martyrs Parish, 801 W. 73rd Avenue, Merrillville, IN, for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Jacob McDaniel officiating. Interment at Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville, IN. www.burnsfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 14. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
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Crown Point, IN 46307
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Prayer Service

FEB 15. 9:15 AM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

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Holy Martyrs Parish
801 W. 73rd Avenue
Merrillville, IN 46410

Tribute Wall



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katarzyna "Baci" Polak.*



February 13, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Katarzyna "Baci" Polak.*



February 13, 2023 at 04:17 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Katarzyna "Baci" Polak.*



February 13, 2023 at 12:17 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Katarzyna "Baci" Polak.*



February 13, 2023 at 10:46 AM

RM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. What a remarkable journey her life took and to survive it for so long and watch her beautiful family grow and blossom. I'm certain she will be greatly missed.

Robert McQuillin - February 12, 2023 at 01:59 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Katarzyna "Baci" Polak.



February 12, 2023 at 01:52 PM

MG

“ My heart is with you in your time of sorrow.

Marcia Gawrysiak - February 12, 2023 at 11:46 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Katarzyna "Baci" Polak.



February 12, 2023 at 11:37 AM

BP

“ *Deepest sympathy to the family*



Brenda Poole - February 12, 2023 at 09:17 AM

TL

“ *The Ludig's lit a candle in memory of Katarzyna "Baci" Polak*



The Ludig's - February 12, 2023 at 08:24 AM

FS

“ *Condolences to you both and your family*



Felix S.Parkevich - February 12, 2023 at 04:14 AM

SW

“ Our deepest sympathy at your loss. Have known your mom most of my life as she was one of my mom's closest friends and always a very sweet and kind lady to us. I remember her and my mom sharing many good times and laughs . Now she is able to be with your dad and her family and see my mom and dad again. May she rest in peace in the grace of God.



Stasia and Tom Wefler

Stasia Wefler - February 11, 2023 at 04:49 PM