



## Pearl M (nee Schmidt). Sopko

November 3, 1924 - February 23, 2020

Pearl M. (nee Schmidt) Sopko, age 95 of Glen Park, passed away on February 23, 2020.

Pearl was a graduate of Tolleston High School Class of 1942. She was a former employee of U.S. Steel-Gary Works and Tepe's Jewelry Dept. Pearl was a member of SS. Peter and Paul Church of Merrillville.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years Samuel Sopko in 2014, son- Al; brothers-Al and Bob Schmidt; granddaughter-Chrissy Kaiser. Pearl is survived by children-James, Carol (Dan) Kaiser, Mark (Carin Hamady Foote) Sopko, Donna (Ralph) Gagliardi, grandchildren-Jennifer Kaiser, Carley (Pat) Newton, Kelsey (fiance Ryan Fitzgerald) Sopko, Scottie Sopko, Ryan and Kyle Gagliardi; great granddaughter- Quinn Newton; daughter in law- JoDee Sopko.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 10:00 a.m at SS Peter and Paul, 5855 Harrison St., Merrillville, IN with Rev. James Meade officiating. Friends are invited to visit with Pearl's family at the church from 9 am to 10 am. Services will conclude at the church with cremation following. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Dunes Hospice, 4711 Evans Ave. Valparaiso, IN. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **25**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church  
5885 Harrison Street  
Merrillville, IN 46410

## Mass of Christian Burial

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5885 Harrison  
Merrillville, IN 46410

# Tribute Wall

FC

“ *Farmon&Irma Childress lit a candle in memory of Pearl M (nee Schmidt). Sopko*



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**Farmon&Irma Childress** - February 26, 2020 at 10:02 PM

CF

“ *Mrs. Sopko will be missed terribly by her entire family. Her son, Mark, has regaled us with amazing stories of how she made each of her five children feel equally loved.*

*Impossible?*

*Maybe for some; but not for Pearl.*

*When Mark and I were in high school she was the most generous of mothers. She gave him the “good car” for our dates, dressed Mark impeccably, and, in her spartan spare time, even helped him select gifts for me!*

*She lovingly baked a lasagne dinner for us for his “leaving-for-college-dinner.”*

*It was his sister, Carol Kaiser’s recipe!*

*Pearl was an amazing woman with such a will to live to see her family grow and develop, that she fought many health battles to reach ninety- five.*

*Pearl was one of the last of an amazing generation to be respected and admired.*

*Enjoy your family in Heaven Pearl; you have earned it!*

*With love,*

*Mark’s two girls,*

*Carin Hamady Foote*

*&*

*Jessica Foote*

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**Carin Hamady Foote** - February 26, 2020 at 07:50 PM

DG

*Thank you for the kind words. She was the BEST of the BEST!*

**Donna Gagliardi** - February 29, 2020 at 03:14 PM

CF

“ *Carin And Jessica Foote lit a candle in memory of Pearl M (nee Schmidt). Sopko*



**Carin and Jessica Foote** - February 26, 2020 at 06:53 PM

CF

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Mark’s 2 girls,  
Carin Hamady Foote  
&  
Jessica Foote*

**Carin and Jessica Foote** - February 26, 2020 at 07:25 PM

AS

“ Aunt Pearl was one of the most warm and welcoming women I ever knew. I, also, had the pleasure of working with her at Tepe's before Rick and I got married. She always expressed her love for the family and kept in touch with us. She will truly be missed as a gentle and loving soul. My sincere condolences to all of you. Andrea

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**Andrea Sopko** - February 25, 2020 at 04:38 PM

DG

♥ Thank you for the sweet & true words!

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**Donna Gagliardi** - February 25, 2020 at 09:53 PM

DH

“ Deepest sympathies on the loss of your mother.

*Mark and Dana Hamady*

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**Dana Hamady** - February 25, 2020 at 03:39 PM

DG

Thank you.

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**Donna Gagliardi** - February 25, 2020 at 09:53 PM

MD

“ To Pearl's Family: I am so very sorry for your Loss. Pearl had such a Lovely Lady. She was Loving and Kind to everyone she met. I worked with Pearl at Tepe's in the Jewelry Department, along with Peggy, Alberta and Dorothy. The Laughs, the Fun and Mischievous things we all got into, will always be remembered! Such a Beautiful Soul.



*Give Rest O Lord, Give Rest among the Saints to the Soul of your Servant Pearl, in a bright place, a green place, where there is no Grief, Sorrow or Mourning, but EVERLASTING LIFE! Amen. May her Memory be Forever Eternal!*

*MaryAnn Drossos*

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**MaryAnn Drossos** - February 24, 2020 at 11:06 AM

DG

*The most beautiful soul I was blessed to call Mom. Thank you for your kind & true words.*

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**Donna Gagliardi** - February 25, 2020 at 09:54 PM