



Helen Zalewski

November 25, 2025

Helen Zalewski, aged 88, passed away peacefully on November 25, 2025. She is survived by her husband, John Zalewski, Jr; her children Edward (Lisa) Zalewski, Dorothy Zalewski and Gregory (Cate) Zalewski; her grandchildren Michelle, Tammy, Brenda, Amanda, Alec and Lukas and her great-grandchild, Isabella.

Helen was born May 21, 1937 in Poland. She immigrated to the United States in November of 1964 in search of a better life, and settled in Syracuse, NY where she met her husband of 60 years, John Zalewski Jr. Helen built a warm and welcoming home rooted in the traditions of her Polish heritage. She worked hard throughout her life, and was known for her strength, compassion and unwavering devotion to those whom she loved.

Helen was proud of her family and passed on the values that were important to her: resilience, kindness, and the importance of family. Helen was a beloved wife, mother and babcia. She shared her heritage and love with every meal, in her stories, traditions and her humor that will be cherished by those that loved her. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Calling hours will be held December 2, 2025, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, at Giminski-Wysocki Funeral Home; 1320 West Genesee St., Syracuse, NY, 13204. A funeral mass will be held December 3, 2025, at 10:00 AM at Transfiguration Church; 740 Teall Ave., Syracuse, NY, 13206. Entombment: St. Mary's Mausoleum.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

DEC 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Giminski-Wysocki Funeral Home
1320 W Genesee St
Syracuse, NY 13204
(315) 422-5087
<https://giminskiwysocki.com/>

Mass

DEC 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Transfiguration Church
740 Teall Ave
Syracuse, NY 13206

Entombment

DEC 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary's Cemetery & Mausoleum
4100 East Genesee Street
Dewitt, NY 12314