



Marie T. Kotlarz

July 7, 2016

Marie T. Kotlarz, 93, of Camillus, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, passed away Thursday at her home with her loving daughter and best friend, Denise, and her only granddaughter, Marie, by her side. She is predeceased by her husband, John, who passed away at the age of 97 on March 2, 2012. They would have been married 66 years this year.

Marie, originally from North Bay, Ontario, lived life to the fullest and enjoyed nothing more than spending time with her family and friends. A founding member of the Syracuse Chapter of Sweet Adelines International, Marie was an avid bowler and lively card player. She also loved to travel and especially enjoyed camping.

Marie was a civilian employee of the Royal Canadian Navy during WWII, worked at Porter Cable, where she met John—the great love of her life.

She is survived by her daughter Denise and husband Chris (Gravius) of Memphis; three grandchildren, Brandon (Gravius) and his wife, Melissa, of Camillus; Justin (Gravius) and his wife, Sarah, of Marcellus; and Marie (Gravius) of Camillus; and many nieces and nephews, including Adrienne and Roger Perreault of Ottawa, Canada and Judith and Ted Klaudt of Lisbon, New York. She will be missed greatly by all who knew her. Marie's laugh was contagious and her energy and spirit were strong until the day she passed.

Services: 9:00 a.m. Monday, July 11, at Giminski-Wysocki Funeral Home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 9:30 a.m. Friends may call from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, July 10, at the funeral home; 1320 West Genesee Street in Syracuse. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Geddes.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Cemetery, Geddes

200 Salisbury St.
Geddes, NY, NY 13219

Tribute Wall



“ Marie T. Kotlarz

January 28, 2023 at 02:06 PM



“ Denise and family I want to share my condolences with the entire Gravius/Kotlarz families. I always waited with great anticipation for the arrival of John and Marie, tante Gaby as we knew her. She loved to laugh as well as the rest of the sisters but she used to say that I was crazy for some of the jokes that I shared with her, in fact she said it so often that I was questioning myself LOL LOL . The body of your mother /grand-mother is gone from this world but her many thousands of memories that all of you have of her are imbedded into your brain and soul that you will not get tired of reminiscing about her and her ways , the ones that made us love her the way that we do and did. May she Rest In Peace and stand alongside Uncle John once more. Love you, Matante Gaby.

Mark LaRush - July 11, 2016 at 09:38 AM



“ I always looked forward to matante Gabie and uncle John arriving at the campground with their trailer.
We may have had a small family, but the Dufresne sisters sure lived to laugh!!
I am grateful that her family facilitated a final visit to North Bay last summer, so that she could see her birthplace and I could hear her laugh once again.
Je t'aime matante! My thoughts are with the entire Gravius clan.

Judith LaRush - July 11, 2016 at 08:40 AM



“ *Denise, I have so many wonderful memories of the past, nearly 58, years, some of which you and I reminisced about last week. Another one I recalled last night - your mom was locked out of the house and had to boost my mom in through your window so she could unlock the door. They had a great laugh out of that. That is one of the things I will most remember about Marie - her great laugh and sense of humor. Mom often said we were blessed to have your family next door and, as you well know - "mom is always right". Much love to you.*

Patricia MacKinder - July 09, 2016 at 08:17 AM

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“ *Bob & I send our deepest sympathy to You, Denise & your family. Bob & Berny.*

Bernadette & Robert Stark - July 08, 2016 at 10:29 PM