



Stella M. Pilat

February 24, 1927 - October 5, 2017

STELLA M. PILAT (nee Plis) born February 24, 1927 in Auburn, New York, died in Brecksville, Ohio, Thursday, October 5, 2017, on the feast day of St. Maria Faustyna Kowalska, Polish nun and mystic for God's loving message of Divine Mercy.

Preceded in death by her beloved husband Peter W., her parents Veronica Plis Golas (nee Koziol) and Stanley Labadz Plis.

Dearly loved mother of Peter (Patricia), Mary, Stella, David (Gene), Paul (Cathy) and Cathy Katrenich (Tom). Loving grandmother of Elisabeth, Matthew, Katherine, Kristin, Kimberlie, Kari, Thomas, Sara, Catherine and great grandmother of Evan, Katelyn, Gabriella, Julia, Brooklyn and Charlotte. Sister of Thaddeus Plis (Jane). Sister-in-law to Rev. Edmund Pilat and Lottie Ceparski (John). Precious "Aunt Stella" to all her nieces and nephews. Stella had many friends in Auburn, Syracuse and across the globe.

Lovingly, Stella raised six children and found joy in their accomplishments; she helped her parents and cared for her homebound in-laws. She loved family celebrations, visiting relatives and hometown friends, Polka & line dancing, knitting, learning new things and strawberry ice cream. Stella was a Girl Scout troop leader, Dunn and McCarthy shoe factory worker and co-owner of a funeral luncheon catering business.

Stella was a communicant at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, and a member of the Rosary Society, Villa Maria Club, Mother's Club and SS Cyril and Methodius Seminary Auxiliary, and she was an alter linen caretaker. She led the "Babka Ladies", making Polish Easter bread available to parishioners for many years. Most significant to Stella, was creating and directing productions of "Polish Wedding" and "Dozynki Harvest Festival" at Sacred Heart.

Proud of her Polish heritage, Stella was an active member of Polish Falcons Auburn Nest, Syracuse Polish Home, St. Louis Society, Polish Heritage Club and Polish National Alliance; Financial Secretary of PNA Lodge 2517 and a District 4/Council 44 PNA Delegate to numerous conventions. Stella translated Polish, tutored Polish immigrants youth and was vital to international entertainment at the Inner Harbor. Stella travel to Poland with her family, and made recordings of her favorite Polish Hymns, Folk Songs and Polka Melodies.

Memorial Service: Saturday October 14th at 11:30 am, at Giminski-Wysocki Funeral Home. Family and friends may call from 10:00 to 11:30 am, prior to services, at the funeral home; 1320 W. Genesee St. in Syracuse. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to your charity of choice, in STELLA PILAT's name.

Tribute Wall



“ *Stella M. Pilat*

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October 11, 2017 at 09:42 AM



“ *Paul and Cathy,
We are saddened to hear of the passing of your mother. Our warmest condolences to your family.*

Marc and Anne Catera

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