



Ann Mary Gadbaw

October 13, 1923 - September 7, 2019

Ann Mary Gadbaw age 95, entered the pearly gates of heaven while surrounded by family on September 7, 2019. Ann was born at home with a midwife on October 13, 1923 to the late Richard and Anna (Wallace) Gosson in Syracuse, NY. Her parents were immigrants with a proud Irish heritage. She grew up in an area called Tipperary Hill. Ann met a handsome Army Captain at the Rainbow Lounge of the Syracuse Hotel. She wed the love of her life, Joseph J. Gadbaw M.D. on February 19, 1944 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Syracuse, NY.

Ann and Joe dreamed of a large family, and a vibrant life filled with adventure. They fulfilled these dreams and experienced many other blessings. They raised eight children in Farmington, Michigan. She was the beloved wife of a well-loved physician in the community. Ann worked as his book-keeper, assisted in his clinics, and took on the important role of “Domestic Engineer” to support a very busy family life. The couple retired in 1990 and moved to Traverse City where they created a remarkable life on the Boardman River. They shared sixty-six wonderful years of marriage and are very proud of the legacy they created.

She was a devoted member of Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington and later St. Francis Catholic Church. She enjoyed golf and tennis with many friends. She was a very thoughtful person and was often known to send caring notes and gifts. She kept up with the times and was well versed in current events, politics, and social media. She loved to go shopping and had a keen eye for interior design. Ann also enjoyed dining out at local restaurants and was a gourmet cook. Above all else she cherished her family, especially her grandchildren. She was a fierce advocate for things she believed in. In so many ways, she will be remembered lovingly, deeply missed – she is truly “unforgettable.”

Ann is survived by her children; Joann Gadbaw of Kalamazoo, Joseph Jr. (Victoria) Gadbaw of Stonington, CT, R. Michael (Sally) Gadbaw, of Potomac, MD, John (Ranee) Gadbaw, of Dearborn, Mary (Steve) Gadbaw Davis, of Cadillac, Anne (Erik) Paus, of Brewster, MA, Elizabeth (James) Kelderhouse, of Traverse City, Catherine Gadbaw, of

Traverse City; twenty grandchildren; twenty-nine great-grandchildren; brother Richard (Mary Ann) Gosson of Syracuse, NY; as well as many other loving family members and friends.

Ann was preceded in death by her husband Dr. Joseph Gadbow; brother John Gosson, and sister Elizabeth Kerrigan.

Visitation for friends and family will be held on Saturday September 14, 2019 from 3 to 5 pm at the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 6:00 pm with visitation just prior to the service. Father Don Geyman and Father Ken Stachnik will concelebrate the Mass. According to Father Don, this will fulfill your Sunday Mass obligation.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Munson Hospice, 1150 Medical Campus Drive, Traverse City, MI 49684.

Events

SEP **Visitation** 03:00PM - 05:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

SEP **Mass of Christian Burial** 06:00PM

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St. Francis Catholic Church
1025 S. Union, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

Comments



“ We will forever remember how both Ann and Dr Joe made our lives better! As I reflect on my special friend Ann I know she had a art of conversation, because she always was there if I needed a listener and then so many times she took it to the next level and did something about it. I will treasure the many worthwhile times we shared like playing golf in the Zonta outings where I picked her up and she gave her keys to her car to me and off we would go.

I loved our private phone conversations and the ones sitting together in her beautiful sunroom. Always to Ann family was most important but she also cherished her human connections and relationships with friends. I will miss her dearly but know we have been blessed to have known her and in a special way she will continue to be with me.

With love,
Carolyn and John Olson

Carolyn Olson - September 16 at 03:12 PM



“ Sorry I can't be at the visitation due to confessions and 4:00 Mass. Prayers from your St. Francis parish family. Will see you at church for the celebration and prayer. Fr. Don



Fr. Don - September 14 at 07:36 AM



“ Cate, I'm so sorry to hear about your mom. I know she was quite the character and she will be missed. Know that I am praying for your family at this time.

Lisa Blackburn - September 13 at 07:56 AM



“ Dear Cate,
I extend my sympathy to you and your family on the passing of your mom. Though I did not know her, I've treasured your friendship with me as sisters in Christ. I also treasure that you were the nurse God put in our path the day my mom passed. You took such good care of her and supported us as a family. You truly were not only an angel nurse but a wonderful friend to come along side of us at a difficult time.

Please know God comforts those who mourn and saves every tear that falls and records them in HIS journal.

Praying for you my friend. God loves you and so do I.

Vicki Wadsworth

vicki wadsworth - September 11 at 09:23 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ann Mary Gadbow.



September 11 at 09:05 AM



“ Thinking of Jim Kelderhouse and his family.
Peace and love,
Susan Odgers

Susan Odgers - September 10 at 04:56 PM



“ Dear Gadbow Family,

We wish to express our sincere sympathy in the passing of your Mom--Grandma---- During this difficult time, may past memories bring a smile, friends to share your loss----God's peace and love to give you comfort and Hope to give you peace.

Uncle Jerry and Aunt Kathy

Gerald & Kathy Sakowski - September 11 at 03:56 PM



“ Cate, I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. You have been in my thoughts and prayers as well as your family. May the love of God comfort you at this time of loss. You gave so much of yourself in caring for her. May Our Lord give you peace and rest in Him. Blessings, Carol Peschke

Carol Peschke - September 14 at 02:49 PM



“ Cathy and family, Very sorry to hear of your mother's passing. We did not know her but we know she had exceptional children. The memories are the precious aspects of her worldly existence. Hold them close to you as the days go on. We know what you are going through.
Ron and Debbie Murden

Ron and Debbie Murden - September 16 at 12:17 PM



“ Cate,

I am very sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you at such a difficult time in your life. Peace and comfort my neighbor and coworker.

Shelley Enger

Shelley Enger - 6 hours ago