



Rosemary Agnes Hefferan

December 28, 1935 - September 14, 2016

ELK RAPIDS – Mom has ended her earthly journey with us, and begun her eternal one with those who preceded her, including so many best friends, parents Hugo and Nora, daughter Rosemary, and husband Mike (Dad, thanks for sending the Bald Eagle to watch over us these past few months). Born in Detroit, MI December 28, 1935, Mom was proud to be the granddaughter of German immigrants who entered the United States through Ellis Island and began the family business in 1888, Detroit Cornice and Slate. In 1956, Mom married our Dad at Holy Name Parish, Birmingham, MI. By age 25 she was raising three girls, Marijo, Kathy, and Anne. A few years later Bill joined them. She spent 59 years, including her last days here, talking to (and boy could our Mom talk!) her kids, then their spouses, and finally grandkids Laura and Michael. She taught us to be careful, “use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without”. When we wished for things, she chided “well it’s always good to have dreams”. She made us believe “Find a penny; pick it up, all the day you’ll have good luck”. She instilled confidence “you can be whatever you want to be”, and we never went hungry because she could “make a silk purse out of a sow’s ear”. (No need to worry about us anymore Mom. We miss you but thanks to you, we are, and will be good). She cherished her bridge club and golf course friends (you were all in her daily thoughts and prayers), but was equally happy relaxing on the couch solving crossword puzzles, reading books, or listening to her Detroit Tigers. With her own All-Star Rotation (Mo, Kath, Annie and Laura) providing her comfort, Mom was so thankful to depart this life from her home gazing over the blue waters of Grand Traverse Bay. She said “How blessed I am to live in paradise and have such wonderful friends, both here and in my church family”. Most importantly, to all the irreplaceable friends at Sacred Heart Parish, our sincerest and everlasting thanks for your support throughout, and making Mom part of your family. For her entire life she possessed the faith of Abraham, so this is not goodbye but until we meet again. Visitation will be held at 10 a.m. on Wed. Sept. 21, 2016 at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Elk Rapids. Mass from the Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Robert J. Zuchowski presiding. Burial will follow the service at Sacred Heart Cemetery. If possible please bring your smiles and laughs. We might need to borrow them for a little while. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Sacred Heart Church or Mom’s favorite charity Good Samaritan, Ellsworth MI.

One last favor please, tell your family and friends you love them today. Mom would have liked that.

Please share your thoughts and memories with Rosemary's family by way of her online guestbook at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

The family is being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery

Sacred Heart Cemetery

Kewadin, MI, 49648

Events

SEP 21 **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church
143 Charles, Elk Rapids, MI, US, 49629

SEP 21 **Mass of Christian Burial** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Autumn Beehler Brady shared on face book regarding Rosemary's passing..We are so privileged to meet Rosemary at Sacred Heart Church while we were at Autumn's last September. Autumn was undergoing & recovering from Surgery...I was keeping an eye out for Rosemary in Church as I was so enjoying being next door to her son Bill and his wife Jody...Ryan & Autumn say they are the best neighbors in the world.. They ARE!!! Rosemary was so gracious and solicitous in Autumn's regard and assuring me of how earnest she had been in her prayers & continued prayers for Sweet Autumn. It was a great consolation to hear this.// My husband & I were able to visit w/ Rosemary again this past winter while Autumn was @ Mayo Clinic. We had brunch with her after Mass and were privileged to hear how she settled in Elk Rapids area as well as many other stories about her life. She also was a good listener..We spend time on Drummond Island...She cut out a news item on Drummond Island which was delivered to us post-haste by her son, Bill...// We loved reading her obituary and it only makes us wish we had more time with this lovely, Godly, woman & Mother...// Bill & Jody..We are keeping you close in our thought and prayers..We are headed your way this October and hopefully will be able to personally offer you our condolences..We look forward to worshipping again at Sacred Heart Church : a place she frequented as often as she was able..finding much Comfort and Consolation...May She Rest In Peace...Love, Karen & Bill Brady

Karen Brady - September 25, 2016 at 11:56 AM



“ Autumn Brady lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Agnes Hefferan



Autumn Brady - September 21, 2016 at 09:06 AM



“ Rosemary was such a special, beautiful soul. I only had the opportunity to meet her twice, two opportunities to see her kindness in action. The first she had brought me a beautiful purple cancer shawl from her church that has brought me so much comfort during difficult times and she also with tears in her eyes gave me one of the warmest hugs I've ever had. . Another time was when she was worried about Bill and Jodis kitty while they were on vacation--- and even though she seemed terribly allergic to him came over to see him. She said, " do you think he'll be lonely? I don't want him to get lonely."and I promised her he wouldn't ever feel lonely because I loved to love him and watch him while they were away and that I would come to see him often. She seemed comforted by this but was very cute and kept looking back at him (with a sweet worried face).

My mother in law tells me that she asked often about me at mass and that she told my mother in law that she prayed for me. I feel extremely fortunate to have met such a wonderful, compassionate lady. Rosemary radiated so much warmth and light wherever she went and I will miss her. I'm sure many will as that seemed to be the type of lady she was--- a woman that touched the lives of every single person she met.

Our deepest heartfelt condolences to her beautiful, loving family. Sending all of you much love. Please know we are here for you, should you need anything at all! (The Brady Family, Bill and Jodi's neighbors).

Autumn Brady - September 21, 2016 at 09:03 AM



“ Bill, we are so sorry to hear about your mom. Our deepest sympathies to you and your family.
Love and Prayers,
Joe and Irene

joe and Irene Lubig - September 20, 2016 at 09:47 AM