



Zdenka Ann Sika

September 9, 1921 - February 8, 2016

Traverse City - Zdenka "Babi" Ann Sika, 94, passed away Monday, February 8, 2016 at her home surrounded by the presence and loving care of her family.

Zdenka was born September 9, 1921 in Prague, Czechoslovakia, to Marie (Klupal) and Matja Novak.

In 1929, Zdenka came to the United States with her mother, brother and sister, where they resided in Chicago, Illinois. While in Chicago, Zdenka met her husband John Sika, where the two married on August 9, 1941 in Cicero, Illinois.

Zdenka and John moved to Traverse City in 1966, where they opened ZJ's Dumpling house. Zdenka enjoyed baking with her grandchildren, and passed on her love of cooking to them all. She also enjoyed spending time with her family playing cards, and dancing the polka.

Zdenka is preceded in death by her parents Marie and Matja, brother Joe, sister Mary, beloved husband John, and son Jack.

She is survived by her daughter; Rose (John Jr.) Brayton, grandchildren; Robert (Jo) Sika, Carrie Leffel, Tammy (Kevin) Brunan, Tanya (Jared) Cox, Trisha (Todd) Ager, Tom (Nicole Shoemaker) Brayton, and 17 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews, and her loving friends at Bay Ridge.

Visitation for Zdenka will be held from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Friday, February 12, 2016, at the Greystone Mansion, 13996 Honor Highway, Honor with the funeral service beginning at 11 a.m., also at Greystone Mansion. Pastor Tim Manzer will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be directed to an education fund set aside for Zdenka's great-grandchildren, c/o Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, 305 Sixth Street, Traverse City, MI 49684. (please make checks payable to Rose Brayton)

Events

FEB **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Greystone Mansion

13996 Honor Highway, Honor, MI, US, 49640

FEB **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Wonderful Lady! Not only was she a great boss, with a great sense of humor, but was the best cook ever and I think her children and grandchildren have the same gifts and talents." Old country " and " old school "- she was the best!

JoEllen Turnquist - February 11, 2016 at 02:42 PM



“ The memories that I have are the times I would spend the night, at the house on Green Lake in the Summertime with Tammy and the special Holiday get together's when she would cook all that wonderful food, she would go all out! I moved away to Virginia, with my husband Brian and our son! Babi and Jede were the only ones that came to visit us, that was special! It's sad that we drifted apart but I know she loved me and I loved her and she will always will be in my heart! I'm glad to say that she was my Grandma! Love you Babi, give Dad a big hug and kiss for me, tell him I love him and miss him! Carrie (Sika) Leffel

carrie (sika) leffel (Grand daughter) - February 11, 2016 at 08:52 AM



“ Babi - I am so very grateful to the Lord for giving YOU to us. We are blessed to have had you in our lives. Thank you for all the fun memories. From spending the night at your house, to working in the restaurant together, doing Lorence Welk shows in your living room, polka parties, all the games and discussions at Christmas and Thanksgiving and traveling to Arizona and Chicago together. Thank you for teaching us how to work, how to cook and what our priorities should be. You have been a sweet sweet blessing and gift not only to me but to my husband and 4 children. We love you. Most of all I will not forget the two weeks that I stayed with you and we shared our hearts together, cried together, read the Bible together and I sang you to sleep. I will miss hearing all the stories of you coming here from Czechoslovakia and all you went through. I love you Babi and am eternally grateful to the Lord for your life and most of all that you are in heaven with JESUS!!! With all our hearts - Jared, Tanya, Josiah, Isaiah, Gabriela, and Jeremiah. You have left a legacy Babi!!!!!!

Tanya Cox - February 10, 2016 at 12:58 PM



“ What a beautiful legacy for your family.....

Katie Lyden Hitow - February 10, 2016 at 01:09 PM



“ Mom, I will never forget all the fun-family get-togethers with you and Dad and Jack. All the crazy, fun times playing cards, and when we all went to the casino together. And when you would ask Dad, "Well, what do you want to do Daddy?" I especially remember the time you, Dad, Jack and I were playing cards at your house, and you were telling Jack and I Czech words and their meanings and we tried to pronounce them. We laughed so hard, we were crying! You were the best cook. I Loved your apricot horns, not to mention all the other delicious dishes you served your family. Thank you for your kindness, understanding, for so many wonderful memories, and always being there for your family. We Love You Dearly and you will be missed terribly.



Georgette Sika - February 10, 2016 at 10:33 AM



“ Love there food , Richard an I would walk across the street an enjoy a meal now an then ! God Bless her . Fran Schroeter, Prayers sent

Fran Schroeter - February 10, 2016 at 08:28 AM