



Mildred "Millie" Theresa Larson

July 11, 1927 - October 25, 2022

HASLETT, MI- After an incredible life of 95 years, Mildred "Millie" Larson passed away on October 25, 2022.

Born on July 11, 1927 in Detroit, Michigan, Millie was one of eight children: Mary Kathleen, Gerald, Sherman, Malcolm, Helen Louise, Elwood, and Russel. Her early years were shaped by the hardships of the Great Depression which helped to build a life-long resolve and perseverance to overcome life's obstacles. Millie worked as a waitress at the Saint Clair Inn to put herself through nursing school to become a registered nurse. She met and married David W. Larson following his time serving in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Their life and love were shared over an amazing period of 60 years.

A working mother ahead of her time, Millie raised their young family in Royal Oak, Michigan while championing David as he attended dental school at University of Detroit. In 1961, the Larson family moved to Deerfield, Michigan where David set up his dental practice and Millie continued to grow and nurture their family. She was a strong, determined woman who was truly the anchor of her family. She had a deep love and devotion to her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Her happiest days were spent with her husband, surrounded by her family, at the dinners and holidays they hosted together. Millie was also a kind and generous friend (and role model!) to so many people.

Millie was an avid reader and loved gardening, cooking, and playing cards.

She was an amazing seamstress and painter and enjoyed travel. She especially enjoyed summer trips to the family cabin in Lewiston, Michigan to spend time with family on the lake. In addition to her fun-loving personality, Millie was also a woman of deep faith. She was a member of St. Alphonsus Church (now called Light of Christ) in Deerfield, Michigan, and served many years on the Rosemary Alter Society. She also volunteered counseling young adults at The Crisis Pregnancy Center in Adrian, Michigan.

Millie is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Dr. David W. Larson. She leaves behind her six children: David (Tina) Larson, Michael (Cathy) Larson, Thomas (Erika) Larson, Daniel Larson, Julia (Steve) Schmidt, and Yvonne (Richard) Gutierrez, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Anna (Ryan) McDevitt, Katherine (Dave) Sessa (Will and Sam), Christopher (Erica) Larson (Isaac, Jude, Keira), Benjamin (Allie Tripi) Larson (Dexter), Matthew Larson, Johnathan Larson, Bradley Larson, Paul Schmidt, Salia Gutierrez, and Mya Gutierrez.

A funeral mass will take place at Light of Christ Parish, St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Deerfield, on Friday, November 4, 2022, at 12 p.m. with Fr. Jeff Poll as celebrant. Burial will follow at St. Alphonsus Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held at 11 a.m. until the start of mass. Memorial contributions may be made to Sparrow Hospice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel in Blissfield. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.wagleyfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Alphonsus Catholic Cemetery

Deerfield, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Light of Christ Catholic Parish - Deerfield
222 Carey St.
Deerfield, MI 49238

Funeral Mass

NOV 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mildred "Millie" Theresa Larson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mildred "Millie" Theresa Larson.*



November 03, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mildred "Millie" Theresa Larson.*



November 03, 2022 at 11:44 AM



“ *I read somewhere that 'gentleness is a dance with life' and that is a phrase that best reminds me of Aunt Millie. A beautiful smile that is no doubt lighting up heaven. Our thoughts, prayers, and hugs to the Larsons and their families. Ro (Rookie) McNally & family.*

Rosemary McNally - November 03, 2022 at 11:38 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mildred "Millie" Theresa Larson.*



November 02, 2022 at 07:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mildred "Millie" Theresa Larson.*



November 02, 2022 at 04:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mildred "Millie" Theresa Larson.*



November 02, 2022 at 02:44 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mildred "Millie" Theresa Larson.*



November 02, 2022 at 01:43 PM

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“ Mike and Laura (Perron) Walker & Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mildred "Millie" Theresa Larson.



Mike and Laura (Perron) Walker & Family - November 02, 2022 at 08:36 AM

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“ When I think of Millie I remember what a classy, humble lady she was and how she and Doc were such good and loving friends to my parents!! Millie you will be missed but I'm sure you're gathering up there with your husband, my mom and dad, Uncle Herman, Aunt Moreen, Uncle John, Aunt Marianne and Julius and Martha Brown. Love and prayers to all of your family, sorry I will not be able to attend services on the 4th. Nicky (lott #13) Miller

Dominique Miller - November 01, 2022 at 10:55 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mildred "Millie" Theresa Larson.



October 31, 2022 at 05:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mildred "Millie" Theresa Larson.



October 31, 2022 at 03:29 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mildred "Millie" Theresa Larson.*



October 31, 2022 at 11:33 AM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Mildred "Millie" Theresa Larson.*



October 29, 2022 at 12:50 AM



“ *Strong Woman, Great Neighbor, RIP Millie. Kevin D. Willis*

Kevin D Willis - October 28, 2022 at 12:45 PM



“ *Although I seldom had the pleasure of her physical presence of late, that did not stop Millie's wish to share her love of art. She took the time to write to remind me of a new FRIDA KAHLO EXHIBIT in Detroit--even enclosing the Detroit Free Press article. Her thoughtfulness was legendary.*

Donna VanVleet - October 27, 2022 at 05:36 PM



I grew up down the street from the Larsons. It wasn't until the past few years that I shared time with Millie at the library book club. What a wonderful woman!

Cindi Simpson Coopshaw - November 01, 2022 at 09:18 PM