



Jennie Alexander

November 11, 1930 - November 8, 2022

Jennie Anne Alexander died November 8, 2022 in Marquette, Michigan, three days before her 92nd birthday.

She was born November 11, 1930, in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, the seventh of nine children of Paul Zeppa (1883-1942) and Anna Kwolek Zeppa (1893-1978).

She was predeceased by her husband, Dale Alexander (1932-2007) of Dafter, Mich. They married Oct. 22, 1960 in a joyous celebration that spanned two nations, two halls and three dance bands.

A dual citizen of Canada and the United States, she was funny, feisty, and a devout Catholic.

Jennie and Dale loved to jitterbug and polka, and went dancing nearly every weekend of their 46-year marriage. She worked for many years as the bookkeeper for Sault Ontario's James Street Hardware. Once married, she kept the books for their trucking and snow-plowing business, volunteered in the schools and in the War Memorial Hospital gift shop, and became a loyal Detroit Tigers and Detroit Red Wings fan.

She is survived by three children, seven grandchildren and one great-

granddaughter. She encouraged them to develop both roots and wings, and cheered on their adventures.

She was a loving mother, mother-in-law and grandmother to Mary Jane Alexander and her husband, Edward Knight, of Oklahoma City, and their children Alexander Knight of Hollywood, Calif., and Allegra Knight Keeling (Eli) of Oklahoma City; Steven and Sheilah Alexander of Madison Heights, Mich., and their children Stephanie (Kyle) Bell of Rochester Hills, Mich., and daughter Charlotte Bell, Victoria Alexander of Hazel Park, Mich., and John Alexander of Seattle, Wash; and Jeff and Kathy Alexander of Negaunee, Mich., and their children Nathan Alexander of Dana Point, Calif., and Jayne Alexander and her husband, Kody Norwood, of Nashville, Tenn.

Dear sister and longtime canasta partner of her siblings: the late Joe Zeppa, late Kazik "Boots" Zeppa, late Helen Dumanski, late Stella "Tefee" Clulow, late Stanley "Speed" Zeppa, late Mildred "Mechee" Pagnucco as well as Mary "Monia" Bischak of Clifton, N.J., and Ann "Honia" and brother-in-law Carl Eagle of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Sister-in-law of the late Jewell Alexander Andary, Peggy Kaunisto, and Betty Miller.

She was the chronicler of Zeppa family history, proudly adding births and marriages of her parents' 100-plus descendants to an ever-growing register. She was a special aunt and godmother to many nieces and nephews, renowned for her potluck barbecued meatballs, Jello salads, Scotch-a-roos and Thanksgiving pies.

A gathering of family and friends will take place Monday, Nov. 14, 2022 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. A funeral Mass will follow at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens.

Gifts made in lieu of flowers will be donated in honor of Jennie to Alzheimer's research.

Tribute Wall

KM

“ So sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was a sweet lady. Please know you are all in my thoughts.

Kathy (Campbell) McDowell

Kathy McDowell - November 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ I spent my formative years around the Alexander family and have many, many fond memories. Mrs. Alexander always made their home feel like a second home to me, treated me as family. She would have snacks for us kids when we would take a break from playing outside or have pizza ready when we got done playing hockey at the dafter rink on Friday/Saturday night. Mary Jane, Steve and Jeff (and families) Karen and I have you in our thoughts and prayers. She will always be remembered as a awesome person.

Derek & Karen Jewell - November 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ I have so many memories with Jennie over the past 7 1/2 years caring for her at Brookridge. My favorite, from my early years, we would have a bowl of cinnamon toast crunch every night with all the staff before she went to bed. And the smile on her face when Jeff stopped in to do a crossword puzzle with her having hot chocolate. She will be missed. Your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sherry Dodge - November 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ On behalf of the Jack Holt family and Dennis Kennedy family, I want to express our sadness upon hearing of Jennie's death. Dale and Denny worked together at the Soo Post Office and I sometimes called Jennie to get her opinion on health care benefit options. Because of our connections through Dafter relatives and the Post Office we had opportunities to be together with Jennie and Dale. I know her bright spirit will be missed. Praying you'll feel God's loving arms around you at this time.

Jane Kennedy - November 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM