



Katheryn Theresa Williams

November 12, 1928 - October 22, 2019

Katheryn Theresa Williams, 90, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, passed away peacefully on October 22, 2019 at the Merlin Home. She was a loving mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend, and she will be dearly missed.

Katheryn was raised in Brimley, Michigan by her parents, Henry and Catherine Deuman. She was the youngest child in a large and loving family. Her father passed away suddenly in 1938, when she was only 10 years old. Her mother later operated a boarding house in Brimley, the Burnside Inn, and then owned and operated a small restaurant, known as "Mom's Lunch," employing several extended family members and creating many family memories.

It was at the Burnside Inn that Katheryn met a kind and soft-spoken Coast Guardsman from Northern Georgia, Andrew Williams ("Andy"). After Andy was transferred to Atlantic City, New Jersey, they married at Rockaway Beach in 1946. They returned to Sault Ste. Marie in 1954, where Andy continued his service in the Coast Guard, but later were transferred to Honolulu, Hawaii and Miami, Florida, before finally settling back in the Soo in 1963 after Andy's retirement. Andy passed away in 2006, during their sixtieth year of marriage.

Theirs was a happy and loving partnership.

Katheryn spent most of her years as a homemaker and mom to her five children, but also spent several years working in the physical therapy department at War Memorial Hospital, where she enjoyed her work and made many friends. She and Andy thoroughly enjoyed the home they built on the St. Mary's River, where they could watch the changing seasons, the wildlife, and the passing freighters.

Katheryn's life always revolved around what she valued most of all: her faith, her family, and her friends. She was a calm and loving presence to friends and family members, especially when they were experiencing the joy of welcoming a new baby or were dealing with the difficulties of a serious illness.

She was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, with service to the Altar Society, the Finance Board, and as a regular volunteer in the administrative office for over 25 years.

Katheryn was predeceased by her siblings: Richard (Beulah) Deuman; Delphine Deuman; Joseph (Lucille) Deuman; Sherman (Maxine) Deuman;; Henry (Blanche) Deuman; Pauline (Peter) Bourque; Gerald (Regina) Deuman; Eugene (Irene) Deuman; Agnes Snyder; and William (Leona) Deuman.

Katheryn leaves behind her five children: Andy (Toni) Williams; Bob (Sheila) Williams; Cynthia Williams; Theresa (Don) Nicholls; and Mark (Sonja) Williams. She was the grandmother, known as "Nana," of Morgan, Clara, Bob, and Brian Williams, Allison Williams Bartlett, Jeff and Andrew Irwin, and Katie Nicholls. She was also blessed with 9 great-grandchildren, Spencer, Ellyse, and Sheila Williams, Brent, Meghan, Ashley, and Ron Hildebrand, and Sylvia and Mackinac Irwin.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 pm on Sunday, October 27 at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home, with prayers at 7:00 pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, October 28 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Sebastian Kavumkal officiating.

Katheryn's family wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation to the staff at Freighter View Assisted living and the Merlin Home for all their attentive and loving care of their beloved mom and Nana. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Merlin Home or St. Mary's Church would be appreciated. Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Katheryn Theresa Williams*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Katheryn Theresa Williams*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Katheryn Theresa Williams*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Theresa and family, My deepest sympathy on the passing of your mother. You are in my thoughts and prayers, Bev.*

Bev Proulx - November 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our sincere sympathy at the loss of Katheryn. May God bless you.*

Lori Smith - October 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are truly sorry to hear about your loss. Your mother was a great woman and she will be truly missed and will always be remembered. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.*

Bill & Carol Norris - October 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Lisa, the kids, and I wanted to express our sincere condolences on her passing. She was a great lady and I have have many fond memories growing up. Thoughts and prayers from our family to yours.

Rich and Lisa Walsh - October 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Cindy and family, we are so very sorry to hear about your mom and know we are sending you our love and sympathy. Blessings to all.

Sue & Gene Robinson - October 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM