



## Mary Dykhouse

March 22, 1928 - September 21, 2022

"Busia" is the Polish word for "grandmother", and with her peaceful passing on September 21, 2022, Mary Sophia Dykhouse left a Busia-shaped hole in the hearts of family and friends around the world. Born at the Tomaszewski family homestead north of Gaylord, Michigan on March 22, 1928, she grew up on the farm assisting with the chores and attending a small schoolhouse, walking to school "through ten feet of snow in a blinding blizzard, uphill both ways." After graduating from St. Mary's School in Gaylord she worked for Western Union in Minneapolis and Chicago, where she danced to the likes of the Tommy Dorsey band in the immediate post-World War II era. She graduated as a Registered Nurse from Mercy College in Detroit and had a fulfilling career in hospitals and nursing homes in Lower Michigan, even taking loving care of several of her former Dominican Sister school teachers at Aquinata Hall in Grand Rapids. Upon retiring in 1993 she and her husband Gene moved to a cottage on their beloved Lake Superior at Whitefish Bay. Apart from regular visits to family and a trip to Rome, attending papal Masses with Pope John Paul II, she held forth at "The Last Resort" ever since, putting out the welcome mat to guests, watching lake freighters pass by, reading, drawing, cooking, sewing, writing extensively and presiding over a troop of tame chipmunks named after Greek and Roman philosophers and statesmen.

Busia leaves behind four children: Jenni (Wayne) Madden of Goulais River, Ontario, Marianne (Ed) Gay of Eaton Rapids, Michigan, Paul (Robin)

Ignatowski of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan and John Ignatowski of Escanaba, Michigan, and three step-children: Dennis Dykhouse of Hudsonville, Michigan, Debbie (Randy) Bailey of Houston, Texas and Richard (Julie) Dykhouse of Lowell, Michigan. She is also survived by twenty-one grandchildren and thirty-one great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Stanley and Sophia Tomaszewski, her siblings Raymond Tomaszewski, John Tomaszewski, Regina Krupiarz and Sylvester Tomaszewski, her husband Eugene Dykhouse, Flip, her daughter Deborah, son Jerome, grandson John Paul, granddaughter Amy and great-grandson Hank.

Visitation will be held on Monday, September 26 at 11:00 at St. Mary's Church in Sault Ste. Marie, with Mass of Christian Burial at 12:00 noon. The graveside service will be held on Tuesday morning at St. Mary's/Riverside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the My Michigan Medical Center Sault Intensive Care Unit.

# Tribute Wall

RK

“ I was friends with her granddaughter Amy. She was concerned about me after my tramic experience. Later we would talk about Amy and the good times we had together. I would bag her groceries for her at glen's and help her get them to the car. I saw her at the soo theater during the summer told her how I have been doing. I tell her I do good. Her and the family were always concerned about me always wanting to know if I'm eating ok or having any relapes of depression. I was hoping that she would get to see my girlfriend wall get unveiled at sault college. I became close friends with her daughter jenni. I couldn't make it to the funeral because I was sick with covid.

Ronald Kerzner - October 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Aunt Mary, we will miss your beautiful smile.  
Rest in Peace Godmother. Love you!



Susie and Gary Curtis - September 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Busia, you were the best second mom to me that I have ever known. Your laughter and kindness was so very much magnetic. I loved attending the many family events and wouldn't want to be anywhere else but in your presence enjoying life, great conversations and silly ones at that. Thank you for showing us all how to enjoy life even in the face of adversity and to stay the course. We will miss you 🥺



Cindy Levenburg - September 24, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *May your beautiful soul Rest in Peace Perfect.*

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**Agyemang Solomon Boakye** - September 24, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *My mom is/was the BEST.  
She was a strong, independent woman (where I get it from)  
She loved a lot of people and a lot of people loved her.  
94 years of happiness, fun loving, adventurous, silly, wine drinking  
and hot tubbin' times!  
She will be greatly missed.  
Watch out God.. you got Betty White, Queen Elizabeth II and Mary  
Dykhouse now to keep you entertained!*

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**Marianne Gay** - September 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ *You are one of the best Second Mom's I could  
of ask for. I am so blessed to of been able to  
have you in my life. I will miss you and that  
smile that lite up a room.  
Love you.  
Linda Oversmith*



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**Liinda Oversmith** - September 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Dear Family of Mary, What a legacy! What a  
wonderful, wise woman! I am so, so sorry for  
your loss.  
Marian MacLeod*



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**Marian MacLeod** - September 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM