



Bernadette Marie Paquette

December 11, 1927 - February 18, 2018

Bernadette Marentette Paquette died peacefully at the age of 90 on February 18, 2018, in her home surrounded by family. Born in Detroit December 11, 1927 to Loretta and Lawrence Marentette, she had three brothers, Raymond (Mary), Philip and Vincent (Vivian). In 1950, she married Charles E. Paquette and they enjoyed 64 years of marriage until Charles death in December of 2014. Bernadette is survived by her devoted children: Elizabeth (Gerard) Labut, Donna (Benjamin) Kiehl, Gerald (Brenda) Paquette, Jean (Peter) Mikelonis, and Charles (Tammy) Paquette, her loving grandchildren: Kathryn, John, Paula, Benjamin, Philip, Anne, Christopher, Jacquelyn, Daniel, and Megan, and great-grandchildren: Riley, Ethan, Charlie, Pennie, Olivia, and Elsie. Bernadette was a loving aunt to 15 nieces and nephews who adored her. A devoted Catholic, Bernadette lived in faith and joy till the very end of her life, sharing her gifts of humor, generosity, patience, tolerance, gratitude, faith and love. She had a strong devotion to the Blessed Mother and prayed the rosary daily. As a child she was a member of St. John Berchman Parish in Detroit, and attended Nativity High School. She and her "Club Girls" from Nativity remained life-long friends, meeting regularly for over 70 years. Bernadette attended St. Philomena while raising a family, then St. Sylvester and St. Thecla in later years. Bernadette worked for the Hudson Motor Co. as a typist until she became a mother. She also worked at Grosse Pointe South as a Hall Monitor, and was affectionately known as "Eagle Eye". Bernadette enjoyed traveling, baking, sewing, crocheting, and volunteering at her church,

and was never more happy than when she was with her family including her many cousins from the US and Canada. She was a trusted friend and listening ear to people of all ages. She will be remembered and missed for her faith, cookies, and hospitality and warmth to all who encountered her.

Visitation Thursday, Feb 22nd, 3-9pm with a 7pm Rosary at Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc., 36900 Schoenherr Rd at Metro Parkway (16 Mile). Instate Friday 10:30am until time of 11am Mass at St. Thecla Church 20740 S. Nunneley (Enter off Groesbeck on Kerry St., Left on Egan). In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Capuchin Monastery, Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, Ann Arbor, or Right to Life of Michigan. Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at WujekCalcaterra.com

Tribute Wall

CG

“ I have been out of town for several months and just heard of your dear mother's passing. I am so sorry for your loss and I know you will miss her terribly. I know your mom from St. Philomena's and then we reconnected at St. Thecla. She was such a wonderful person and such an inspiration to others. I loved talking with her after mass and hearing how all of you were doing. She was a great friend to my mom and they even worked together in Grosse Pointe at the high school. Such fun they had. I was praying for her and so sorry to hear she passed. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Carol Penner Gajewski

Carol (Penner) Gajewski - May 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I will miss Bernie so much. What a great woman and friend she was. God bless her always!

Doreen Mueller - February 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ My condolences to the entire family.

Barbara Wagner/Hanes - February 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Phil and I were so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. We remember her visit last August to our St. Br. Andre Reunion Celebration. She was a wonderful person, so strong in her faith. Our prayers are extended to your entire family.

Phil and Patty LaPorte - February 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Chuck and Jean, I am sorry to hear about your mom. Your parents were incredible people. My parents enjoyed their friendship for many years. I am sorry for your loss.

Jim Paratore - February 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Whenever I hear or see the name Bernadette Paquette, immediately and simultaneously I smile, my memories launch and my spirit soars. She was a beam of sunshine who warmed our hearts and brightened our lives. Her caring, giving nature inspired us to appreciate God's blessings and to spread His love just as Bernadette and her devoted husband did every day of their lives.

Randy Swikle - February 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

YS

“ I am very sorry for your loss, of your Mom - Grandmother, She was the life of any party always smiling and joking. She also was a very caring and very strong person, and always thinking of others. God Bless and Take Care.

Yvonne Scott - February 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Donna, I'm so sorry to hear about your mom. She was a lovely woman. I saw your mom and dad nearly every day when we attended morning Mass together at St. Sylvester Church. Both your parents were beautiful role models for my husband and me. I remember your mom always smiling. One time we sat in my car and for about 45 minutes we talked, mostly about your mom growing up. I was a new stepmom and Bernadette gave me very good, positive counsel. I can tell you, your mom was extremely proud of you. She described you as being very sweet. The last time I saw your parents was when they lived on Common Road. I only talked to your mom a few times after that. I am certain your parents are now in Heaven together, reaping their Heavenly rewards.

Joann Mezza - February 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Rest in peace..

tom torrento - February 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ Donna, Beth, Jerry, Jean and Chuck, I am very honored to have met your parents when I visited Donna, Ben and their family. I will always remember and cherish their welcoming nature, their hospitality and their kindness. These are significant parts of my warm feeling for Detroit (along with, of course, my friendship with my childhood friend and classmate Ben). I will pray to both of your parents.

Greg Voss - February 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM