



Mickie (Mildred) Ann Kukula

April 19, 1930 - February 12, 2025

An angel from heaven, Mickie (Mildred) Ann Kukula (nee Kennedy), passed away peacefully on February 12, 2025 in the comfort of her home in Washington, MI at the age of 94. She was born in 1930 in Hamtramck, MI. She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, John Paul Kukula (2012), her mother Mariam Rzeppa, her step father Edmund Paul Rzeppa, her sister Jane Elizabeth Frishman, and her beloved dog, Snowflake. She is survived by her daughters Denise and Cathy. She was a kind and loving mother, aunt, sister and dear friend.

Mom was very creative. She designed their home in Harrison Twp., had a talent for decorating, and in her constant quest for change and novelty, she rearranged the decor in our condo almost daily. She mastered the art of french cooking while living in France with my Dad for 2 1/2 years, and cooking became one of her many great passions. Her home cooked creations were out of this world, and she was always looking to try something different. She was also an artist. Using both watercolors and acrylics, she hand painted her own ornaments and her own Christmas cards every year for the past 10 years.

Mom loved having a good time, and always wanted to make sure everyone else joined in! She'd say, "Life is too short... you have to enjoy it!" She loved adventure, traveling, entertaining, and looked for ANY excuse to throw a

party! In fact, if you have a chance to visit my mom and dad's gravesite, you will see her personally designed etching of her and dad toasting to their good friends, good times, and good life together. She loved all kinds of music, especially country western, and always had music playing in our house. She told me several times that she didn't want anyone remembering her in a casket. Instead, she wanted her life celebrated at a country western bar, and wanted the song "Prop Me Up Beside the Jukebox If I Die" played! She was something!

My mom leaves a lasting legacy for all who knew and loved her. She will always be remembered for her easy going nature, her hilarious sharp wit, great sense of humor, and most of all, her unwavering carefree, positive outlook on life. Her glass was ALWAYS half full. She had a precious and endearing innocence about her, and yet she often showed her childlike mischievous side, which made it impossible to not adore her.

In my heart, my mother was perfect. There are no words to describe what a good mother she was, and whose love was completely unconditional. What a special gift she was to all those who were lucky to have known her. She gave of herself unselfishly, never asking or expecting anything in return....a true child of God, and a shining example of what really matters in this life.

Mickie Kukula's final resting place will be at Guardian Angel Cemetery in Rochester, MI. A memorial mass and a celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations in Mickie's name can be made to The Capuchins, Father Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207-3496. www.solanuscasey.org

Please share memories with the family at their online obituary at

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Tribute Wall

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“Mickie and mom (Florence) met back in their young 20’s when they both worked as secretaries at General Motors. Mom says that they talked on the phone a lot and that is how they got to know each other and become good friends. Mom says that they always had a lot of fun and many good times together. They were bridesmaids at each other’s wedding and they kept in touch over the years as they both lovingly raised their families. As we were growing up, whenever we traveled back to Michigan to visit family, or on other special occasions, Mickie and mom would always get together and catch up. Neither Mickie nor mom had a sister and they would refer to each other as their sister. Mickie was definitely mom’s sister by choice and our mama bear.

Mickie was a fun, loving, and adventurous person. She had many talents, always maintained a positive attitude, and had such a love for life, her family, and her friends. She left us all with many cherished memories and we celebrate her life. Mickie will be dearly missed. Our deepest condolences to Cathy and family. Thank you Cathy for the love and care you gave your beautiful mother.

With love and prayers,

Holly, Maria, Florence and family

Holly Kenney - May 05, 2025 at 09:44 PM

DO

“Mickie will sparkle in my memory as a fun-loving gal I met when she was just a teenager. I remember fondly all the great adventures and traveling we shared together like ice fishing in the shanty, boating on Lake St Clair, and being snow bunnies skiing at Caberfae Peaks in Cadillac, Michigan. What fun! What Laughs! Mickie was also wonderful in the kitchen and prepared incredible meals that we shared together over the years along with great stories. I was so blessed to have had dinner at her place not too long ago and smiled big as we strolled down memory lane reminiscing of all the things that we had done over the years. I'm so glad we kept in touch, that meant the world to me!

And to her daughter Cathy... Thank you for being so wonderful and taking care of her, that meant the world to her!

She will be missed dearly and in our hearts forever!
With Love, Dolores Terebus

Dolores - April 02, 2025 at 01:56 PM

BE

“Our family was Blessed to have known Mickie for so many years, as my mom is her best friend, since their first job together in their teens. Both loved Country music and attended every Country event they could. Mickie was always fun to be around. She's a trooper with a positive attitude. Loving and kind-hearted. Always smiling. We loved her sarcasm and jokes. Admired her artistic work and always looked forward to receiving her hand painted Christmas card every year!

We'll truly miss Mickie. She left us with many happy positive memories. She was part of our family! We'll all meet you one day in Heaven.

Anne and Betty

Betty - March 31, 2025 at 12:10 PM

HR

“ From the first time I met her, she made me feel welcome with her infectious smile. Over the years, she ALWAYS made me laugh and taught me to not take myself so seriously. What a beautiful soul inside and out! Mickie was pure joy for anyone that came into her spell. She held her sense of humor and grace even when life was physically challenging for her. Because of that she should be a role model for all of us as the years wind down. We shall have many toasts to you as you are unforgettable and loved.

Hally Ryan - March 21, 2025 at 04:13 PM

BA

“ Mickie, your long and happy life is one to be celebrated. You were a class act, and I loved having you as both a friend and fellow "comedian". On any day at any time that we could jest with each other was nothing but heartwarming. Your quick wit and your smarts are missed. Thank you for all that you shared with me and all that you taught me through our conversations. I rest assured that you fly with the angels and have been welcomed into their innermost circle you know angel happy hour. The one where the drinks are always on the house.

Barry - March 21, 2025 at 01:29 PM

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“ I knew Mickie as a your girl. She was the fun loving wife of the best dentist ever! I spent a lot of time in his chair and he is responsible for getting me to an orthodontist. (I was one of his first). He always made me laugh. My mother, Kathy, worked for Dr Conrad in the same office. They were all so special to me
They were all partiers on the weekends. I remember going to their new house to celebrate! They danced the night away!
I remember Mickies face so well. It was a face of pure joy and warmth. I was so lucky to have been a small part of her time with us.

Toni Hill - March 21, 2025 at 12:23 PM

CF

“ My deepest condolences to Cathy and her family!
Your Mom was a wonderful person full of life and beautiful energy who will be greatly missed!
You are in my thoughts and prayers!
Cristina Fesdjian



Cristina Fesdjian - March 21, 2025 at 09:52 AM

DC

“ Mickie was the perfect roll model for how to live life to the fullest. Her positive energy and perpetual smile is what I will miss the most. I will always remember sharing a bottle of fine wine, enjoying the Summer sun and laughing away the day. Mickie...you will always be my one and only "Jitterbug". Go easy on the angels. Love and miss you, Diane Carlson.

Diane Carlson - March 20, 2025 at 02:51 PM

PC

“ Aunt Mickie and our Mom Elaine Kukula had a special ‘sister in law bond’. I am sure they are clinging wine glasses. The fishing trips with uncle John, Aunt Mickie, and our parents Gene and Elaine were filled with fun and good times. Aunt Mickie loved our stories of travel and good times. We enjoyed seeing film of her holiday trips, special giggles and her company always. May she rest in peace. Uncle John and Aunt Mickie were my Godparents. I still have fond memories of visiting them on Mocerri Cricle in Warren with the many artifacts from Acapulco. Love always , Jim Randi Jack Patti (Kukula) Chylinski



Patricia Kukula Chylinski - March 19, 2025 at 05:27 PM

BC

“ On behalf of the Capuchin friars, I offer condolences to the Kukula family upon their loss. May Mildred rest in peace, and may God's mercy console the family as they grieve her death. The friars are truly humbled by memorial donations made to the Solanus Casey Center. May the Lord give you his peace.



Br. Brenton Ertel OFM, Capuchin - March 19, 2025 at 09:24 AM

CK

“ 3 files added to the album Mom



Cathy Kukula - March 18, 2025 at 09:28 AM

SH

Sorry to read of your mother's passing, Cathy. She was a very sweet lady. May she and your father enjoy each other, once again. God bless. Take care.

Sue Hatcher.

Sue Hatcher - April 28, 2025 at 02:58 AM