



Mary Jane Szklarz

April 8, 1934 - June 16, 2016

Mary Jane Szklarz, age 82, of Sarasota, FL, formerly of Buffalo, NY peacefully went to be with her Lord on June 16th, 2016 at Sarasota Memorial Hospital, after succumbing to Congestive Heart Failure and Metastatic Breast Cancer. She was born on April 8th, 1934 in Buffalo, NY to Frank and Regina (Chudy) Mazurek. She is the oldest of 4 children. She is survived by her husband, Julius, daughter Gina Bedenko, son-in-law Ed Bedenko and grandsons Matthew and John Bedenko of Clearwater, FL, brother and sister-in-law Jack and Carole Mazurek of Amherst, NY and sister Marcy Plandowski, of Rochester, NY as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother Frank Mazurek of Ithaca, NY.

Combining her love of music and children, she earned her Bachelors Degree in 1954 in Music Education and her Masters Degree in 1955 in Elementary Education, both from Fredonia State University of NY. She taught music and elementary education in Orchard Park and for the Dept of Defense in Bermuda. She married Julius H. Szklarz on Nov. 28, 1968 in Buffalo, NY. Mary Jane and Julius opened a Pharmacy in Buffalo NY in 1971, then moved to Sarasota, FL in 1982.

Mary Jane was an avid dancer, performing with Polish Folk Dancing Groups in the Buffalo Area. She enjoyed traveling, meeting people from all nationalities, offering up prayers with her Rosary Group and spending time with her

grandsons and family. She knew everyone by name and everyone knew Mary Jane. She was the best mother and wife a person could ask for, always putting her family before herself.

A viewing is scheduled for Friday June 24th, 2016 from 6-8pm at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, 40 N. Orange Ave Sarasota, Florida 34236. Mass will be held on Sat, June 25th at 10am at Incarnation Catholic Church, 2929 Bee Ridge Road Sarasota, FL 34239, officiated by Fr Ken Oldenski.

The family asks that those wishing to commemorate Mary Jane's passing send donations in her name to the American Cancer Society (<http://CancerResearch.org>) , American Heart Association (<http://donatenow.heart.org>) or Catholic Charities (<http://CatholicCharitiesUSAOrg/Donate>).

Tribute Wall



“ *Gina and Family: I wanted to express my condolences to you and your family; I know how hard it is to lose a family member, especially your mother. While I only met her a few times, she was very nice and had a great sense of humor. Remember that she is without any pain or suffering and is with those that have passed on before...Thinking of you in this time of sorrow*

Linda Fehr - June 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM