



## Kathleen Marie Kregoski

January 22, 1919 - December 30, 2018

NORWAY- Kathleen Marie Kregoski, age 99, died peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on December 30, 2018 at Bishop Noa Home in Escanaba, MI.

She was born in Norway, MI, to Tony Massa and Catherine (Franke) Massa and was the youngest of seven children. After graduation from high school she attended Dundon Business School. She and Ted Kregoski met in the St. Mary's Church choir and on May 20, 1942, they married there where they remained lifelong members.

Together they had two daughters, Mary (Tom) Bolek of Gladstone, MI and Kathie Palmer of Stillwater, MN; four grandchildren, Lisa Bolek, Michelle Bolek, Chris (Maija) Palmer and Matthew Palmer; four great grandchildren, Mali, Sydney, Drake and Dylan Palmer and many nieces and nephews.

After 70 years of marriage she lost the love of her life, Ted, stating, "I love him more today than the day we married." In addition to Ted, she was preceded in death by her parents and her six siblings, Marguerite Brunelli, Ralph Massa, Gertrude Massa, Francis Massa, Alvin Massa and Charlotte Erspamer.

Kathleen's working career included Gift Gallery, First National Bank, and office of Dr. William Gladstone where she worked as a receptionist for many years

until her retirement.

During her long life, Kathleen was devoted to her family and church, caring for her elderly parents and sister, and was an active member of St. Mary's Altar Society. Her husband, children and grandchildren were the most important part of her life. Wonderful memories of visiting their grandparents are treasured by the grandchildren. She will always be remembered for her amazing cooking skills— an expert at making signature U.P. pasties, a multitude of delicious homemade cookies and bars, and could somehow get a quart of tasty gravy out of a two-pound roast.

Kathleen led a very active life and walked 5 miles a day well into her 80s. Her advice to her family encouraged them to be lifelong learners with the phrase, "Every day is a school day." Most of all she will be remembered for her sweet smile and sparkling blue eyes.

When asked if she had any regrets, she replied that her only regret was that she could not relive her life again exactly as it was!

The family would like to extend our gratitude to all the staff of Bishop Noa Home in Escanaba, for their attentiveness and loving care.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, March 30, at St. Mary Church in Norway, MI, with visitation at 9:00 A.M. to be followed by the Memorial Mass at 10:00 A.M. A luncheon will be served in the church hall following services.

Help Kathleen's kindness, loyalty and compassion live on by making a donation to, or volunteering at, one of these organizations: a food pantry of your choice, Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter [www.alz.org/gmc](http://www.alz.org/gmc), or Bishop Noa Home [www.bishopnoahome.com](http://www.bishopnoahome.com) .

Interment will be held in the spring at the Norway Township Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 30. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Church  
401 Main Street  
Norway, MI 49870

## Memorial Mass

MAR 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Church  
401 Main Street  
Norway, MI 49870

# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathleen Marie Kregoski.*



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March 24, 2019 at 09:36 AM



“ *Dear Mary and Kathie  
I just was given this to read and wanted to tell you that I did not know your mom very well but reading her obituary gave me insight to her life. I know she was a wonderful person because her daughters are wonderful people and her spirit will always be in your heart. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Janet Lindstrom*

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**Janet Lindstrom** - February 16, 2019 at 08:31 PM



“ *My sincere sympathy to all of Mrs. Kregoski's family. Growing up in Norway and attending St. Mary's Church, I remember both of your parents from years ago. I used to tell my Mother, Florence Socha, that I thought your Mom and Dad looked alike - and, that was probably because they spent so many years together. I just loved the comments about her saying she would want to live her life over again the same way. What a very lovely person she was! May she rest in heavenly peace. Carol Socha*

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**Carol Socha** - January 15, 2019 at 05:13 PM

TF

“ We are so sorry to hear of Kath's passing. Millie and Sam had so very many wonderful adventures with Kath and Ted, and so we have many wonderful memories. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Verle, Jean, Joan, Jan

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**The Ball Family** - January 11, 2019 at 09:15 AM

TF

“ The Ball Family lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Marie Kregoski



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**The Ball Family** - January 11, 2019 at 09:09 AM

TG

“ The Kregoski's were so kind to the Noordhoff family. From time to time they would watch our gang so my parents could run away. We loved them both. Always so kind and welcomed us any time we stopped over to visit. Such a lovely couple. They certainly will be missed.

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**Terri Noordhoff Gregory** - January 07, 2019 at 07:47 PM

SF

“ In the Love that surrounds you,  
May you find Strength..  
In the Memories you Cherish,  
May you find Peace.



*God's Love, Blessings, and Prayers to the Family of Kathleen  
She was a loving and giving person who will be missed  
Her Parish Family of St Mary's-Norway*

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**St Mary's Parish Family** - January 06, 2019 at 05:51 PM

NL

“ I cannot help but think of my many Halloweens as a child, growing up in the neighborhood. We always saved the Kregoski home for last and never missed it! They always had awesome treats waiting for us, but better yet always invited us in to warm up and tell them stories about our night. Kathy and Ted were the best, and years later everywhere we would see each other they would always have time for a chat... and encouraging words. My heartfelt condolences to her family, her light will shine on forever to those lives she touched.



Nancy LaFreniere - January 06, 2019 at 09:22 AM

AH

“ Ann Henson lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Marie Kregoski



Ann Henson - January 04, 2019 at 09:21 AM



Rest in peace Aunt Kathleen  
Love Ann Marie Kregoski Henson

Ann Henson - January 04, 2019 at 09:23 AM

LF

“ Love Mike & Carol Bradley and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kathleen Marie Kregoski.



Love Mike & Carol Bradley and family - January 04, 2019 at 08:52 AM

ME

“ Michael Erspamer lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Marie Kregoski



Michael Erspamer - January 03, 2019 at 10:06 AM



The best aunt one could ever hope for. Many happy memories of visiting Aunt Kath and Uncle Ted as a child and more happy memories sitting on her back porch laughing with her and my mom and Uncle Ted. A truly beautiful person.

Mike Erspamer - January 03, 2019 at 10:09 AM

MN

“ Mari Negro lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Marie Kregoski



Mari Negro - January 03, 2019 at 07:05 AM

MN

Kathy was my neighbor for many years. She and Ted were the sweetest couple! My heartfelt condolences....

Mari Negro - January 03, 2019 at 07:07 AM