



Marian Girardi

April 20, 1926 - December 28, 2007

MARIAN GIRARDI VULCAN- Marian B. Girardi age 81 of Vulcan, went to be with the Lord on Friday, December 28, 2007 at ManorCare Health Services in Kingsford, MI. She was born April 20, 1926 in Vulcan, the oldest daughter of the late John and Frances (Stachowicz) Zychowski. Marian graduated from Vulcan High School in June 1946. She married Francis J. Girardi on April 19, 1947 in St. Barbara Church in Vulcan. He preceded her in death on September 21, 2002. Marian was a member of St. Barbara Church, St. Barbara's Women's League, and is an associate member of the Legion of Mary. In 1989 she took a bus trip to Canada to see Pope John Paul II, "I'll never forget it!" she would say. She belonged to the Dickinson County MSU Extension group for many years. Was Homemaker of the Year in 1989. Helped out at the Dickinson County Fair and won many times in the fair baking entries. Was a member Norvulet Post #4581, V.F.W. She did volunteer work for 28 years at the VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain. Went to 16 National Conventions. In 1986-87 she was president of District 15. She walked the Mackinaw Bridge in 1993-94, hand in hand with Gov. John Engler, when her husband Francis was on the Honor Guard for State Commander Chic LaFaive. They went to the Holland, MI., Tulip Festival in 1994 where the drill team lead the parade. Grand Marshall was Myron Floren (the accordion player) from the Lawrence Welk Show. "I got a hug and kiss from him and swore I would never wash my cheek again", she said. Marian and her husband Francis organized the Avenue of Flags in Norway Township

Cemetery started in 1984. She was a V.F.W. Auxiliary Deputy Representative for the V.A. Medical Center in Iron Mountain. She was also a lifetime charter member of the National WWII Memorial Society in Washington, D.C. She was a member of the AMVETS 777 Auxiliary. Received the Community Service Award in Dec. 1991 awarded by Norway Chapter 251 O.E.S. presented by Allen & June Brown. Over the years Marian had several jobs ranging from working for Mirro-Matic in Two Rivers, WI., Sewing Factory in Iron Mountain, making army jackets, waitress at the Gem Bar, J&J Bar and cooking fish fries on Friday nights at the Town Tap. She picked potatoes on the Oelke farm and cleaned at Norway Gravure. Marian and Francis became owners of the Veterans Inn Bar in Norway after the death of their son Jim in 1976, they retired in 1983. She enjoyed canning, baking, volunteer work and raising a family of four sons. The apples of her eyes were her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. She had a special place in her heart for each one of them. We love you Grandma. Marian is survived by her sons Robert (Ginger) Girardi of Vulcan, Daniel (Jill) Girardi of Vulcan, and John (Debbie) Girardi of Gladstone; Grandchildren Travis (Kristie) Girardi, Jeannie (Larry) Tarr, Bradley (Rachel Watters) Girardi, Janelle (Russ Dumais) Girardi, Ryan (Jeanine) Girardi, and Devon (Shawn VanSlooten) Girardi, Justin Micheau, Melissa Micheau and Brittany Delke; Great Grandchildren Lindsie, Amber and James Girardi, and Sawyer Tarr; sisters Lorraine Curran, Dolores (Harvey) Tomasini; brother Richard (Jeanette) Zychowski; sisters-in-law Virginia Zychowski and Rose Dzik; many nieces and nephews. Marian was preceded in death by her infant daughter Mary Frances Girardi and son James Allen Girardi and brother Raymond Zychowski. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 1 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Miner-Ortman Funeral Home in Norway. Special Services : V.F.W. Auxiliary Service will be at 6:30 p.m. Parish Prayers will be at 7 p.m. Prayers will be on Wednesday, January 2 at 10:30 a.m. at the Miner-Ortman Funeral Home. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Barbara Church, with Fr. James Roetzer presidin

Tribute Wall

DL

“ Dear Robert, Dan John, and families,
We are so sorry for the death of your mom Marian, We thought she was invincible, and most of the time she was. I guess the only thing I can say, she is with Francis the love of her life. What companions they were. God Bless and love, from Dennis and Mary LaFaive

Dennis and Mary LaFaive - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Dear John & Debbie (Irving) Girardi, and entire Girardi Family, I was viewing present and passed obituaries when I viewed upon your Mother's passing. Our sincere condolence goes out to you in the loss of your loved one. Allow Brother (as I regard Him) and Lord Jesus to embrace you with His devine knowing that your loved one is not depart from you. Rather, she is just a heartbeat felt away within you. Where you are, she is. Always. Lovin Hugz,
(cousin)

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John & Jan (Kidd) Dahn - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Marian. May your mother find everlasting peace and happiness with God as she reunites with Francis.

Jim and Tonia Haferkorn - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ My sincere sympathy to all of Marian's family. She will be greatly misses by all those she touched over the years. I will especially remember what a great job she and Francis did while serving as VAVS volunteers while I served as District Commander of District 15, V.F.W. 1982-83.

Art Bates. ASFSO, Dept. of MI, V.F.W. - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Bobby, Danny and John, we've all been given a wonderful gift from God. A loving and caring mother is really the most important factor determining who we become and we should all be thankful for this cherished gift. Our mothers were both women who selflessly gave of themselves so others could be happy and healthy. Their memories will always be cherished.
P.S. Our fathers rank right up their with them. I'm sure they're all together in Heaven watching over us as they always have.
My thoughts and prayers are with you. Hope to see you someday soon, your cousin Rick.

Rick Girardi - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ We all lost a very wonderful, giving, kind lady when the Lord called Marian home. Beautiful memories of time spent together will always bring a smile to our face. We feel richly blessed to have known her.

Bud & Ruth Huuki - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ May beautiful memories give you strength at this difficult time.

Lori Nelson - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Dear Giradi Family,
My father Charlie Rysiewicz and I, Elaine Rysiewicz, would like to express our sincere sadness over the loss of your dear mother. I always associate Marian with my mom Emma. Their VFW Ladies Auxilairy work was long-lived and so precious to the both of them. I also remember going to the Verteran's Bar with my folks. Marian's faithful devotion to our nation's verterans was untiring and much appreciated. I remember the Ladies Auxiliary marching in the Norway parades, proudly carrying flags when they were younger and then waving from fabulous convertibles as they got older. I always thrilled to see them. I was so proud of those women of the auxiliary, so often led by Marian.
My dad and I will remember her laughter and her enthusiasm for helping others. She was a true role model for all Americans. She was a great neighbor and friend. Again,
Charlie and I express our sadness at her loss.
May God be with your family at this time. Elaine Rysiewicz in Cincinnati, Ohio on her own behalf and on behalf of her father, Charlie Rysiewicz.

charlie and elaine rysiewicz - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ We were deeply saddened to hear of Marian's passing. She was a lovely person and a wonderful volunteer at the V.A. Our sympathies to Marian's family.

Mark and Robbyn Frazee - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM