



Alice M. Sturman

February 26, 1943 - August 31, 2017

STURMAN, Alice M. (nee Lewandowski) – August 31, 2017 of Lancaster, NY. Beloved wife of 53 years to Stephen Sturman; loving mother of Susan (Timothy) Jennings, Julie Ludwig, Steven (Victoria) Sturman and Jeffrey Sturman; cherished grandmother of Nicholas (Laurie), Jeremy, Emily, Benjamin Ludwig, Alexander and Henry Sturman; dear sister of Barbara (late Robert) Karalus and the late Richard (Patricia) and Jerome Lewandowski. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Monday from 2-4 & 7-9PM at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (2 blocks south of William St.). A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday at 9:30AM at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 1 St Marys Hill, Lancaster. Please assemble at Church. Interment St. Matthew's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice Buffalo or Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Leave condolences and share memories at SmolarekCares.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Matthew's Cemetery

180 French Road
West Seneca, NY 14224

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga
2510 Union Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Visitation

SEP 4. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 5. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary of the Assumption Church
1 St. Marys Hill
Lancaster, NY 14086

Tribute Wall

Jeff
Sturman

“ 9 files added to the album Mom and family pictures



Jeff Sturman - September 06, 2017 at 09:40 PM

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“ *Our mother was a strong woman. She was loving, competitive, patient, stubborn, and generous, among many other things. She loved to garden, read, knit, and quilt.*

But above all she put family first. She made sure she knew where we were, how we were doing, and that we had everything we needed. Mom listened to all our stories; all our ups and downs. She was proud that we all get along, vacation together, and support each other. She made sure spouses and partners were a welcomed part of the family. She always told us, "Call me when you get home."

She was our Dad's partner for 53 years, our mother and confidante, our 4-H leader, and cheering section at band concerts, gymnastic and swim meets, and softball games. Mom loved that our family gathered together every year to bake apple pies and Christmas cookies. She looked forward to the Erie County Fair and quilt retreats.

Our mother loved to travel and was the navigator while our father did most of the driving. She made sure all her children could read maps, instilling a love for travel in all of us. To celebrate their 50th anniversary, our parents could have taken a fancy trip, but instead, they wanted to do something that included all of their children and grandchildren so they took all of us on a weekend trip to the Great Wolf Lodge indoor water park. Similarly, For several years they spent a month in Florida during winter, and every week different family members would join them.

Mom kept journals of her travels and we would like to share excerpts from a journal from the Fall of 2008. Mom in her own words:

"[Today] we set off on our "Out West" adventure...Our plan is to go across country stopping at all the national parks, big cities and points of interest along the way. / The Chicago skyline is

amazing...We got to the Navy Pier with no problems thanks to our new GPS satellite.... Steve has named her "Gabby" because she talks a lot. I told him Gabby was too cute for someone who was so bossy and intrusive. /I 'm having second thoughts about going to Rocky Mountain National Park. I really wanted to see the mountain[s] but I studied the maps last night. The road we would have to take is described as "spectacular scenery through a very high precipitous terrain.." Does that sound scary or what? / The scenery has changed again. There are very few trees and cornfields. Instead, we see cattle and oil wells, fields of sunflowers and very little civilization. Wyoming is a wide open empty space....It seems like a lonely place. / We came across a buffalo on the road and Steve got out to take pictures. I told him not to because the park warns against charging buffaloes if you get too close. But he said "Goodbye and if I don't come back, I love you." Anyway, he took some pictures and he did come back. / We are driving on the edge of cliffs again. Zion is a breathtaking park. Bryce was pretty spectacular too...The color was amazing salmon/copper/red/corral./ This country is amazing./ I think it is time we headed home. Even Steve said yesterday he felt like going home. We've seen enough parks and it is time to leave the mountains behind. / I'm sorry this vacation is coming to an end but I think we will both be glad to be home again. Steve is teasing me about wanting to get home, but I think he is just as anxious as me. W[hen] we got home, our house looked so comfortable and familiar when we drove in. Grass is uncut and flowers unruly, but it looks good."

Mom was devoted to family, to each of us as individuals, and to her faith. Mom prayed for all of us and kept her own prayer list. At any given time, the family members and friends she felt were struggling or most in need of prayers were moved up the list...and you knew you were in trouble when you made it to the top. We ask that you now put our Mom at the top of your prayer list.

Jeff Sturman - September 06, 2017 at 08:21 AM

MZ

“ Sue and Tim:
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Mary & Tom Zielinski

Mary Z - September 01, 2017 at 11:43 AM

SS

“ Our love and sympathy to Stephen and family. Alice was a comfort and inspiration to me when I was diagnosed with cancer, and she gave me courage to face the future. When you touch someone's heart, they become a part of you. We did not see much of each other, but we certainly bonded with love and friendship. Sincerely,
Susan and Norman Sturman

Susan C. Sturman - August 31, 2017 at 08:38 PM

KW

“ So very sorry for your families loss Julie. My deepest condolences.
Karen Wager

Karen Wager - August 31, 2017 at 07:33 PM