



Helena Bres (nee Filus)

February 23, 1929 - March 19, 2026

March 19, 2026, age 97, of Cheektowaga, NY. Beloved wife of the late Francis Bres; loving mother of Casimir “Casey” (Halina) Bres, Theresa (late Arthur) Davis, Halina Bres, and Krystyna (Dean) Cattieu;; cherished Babcia of Richard (Irina), Joseph (Olga), Dorothy (David), Kellie (Alex), Kenneth (Jenna), Nickolas, and Rendy; great-grandmother of Dexter, Jenson, Olive, Anna, and Ava; also survived by sisters and brothers in Poland, nieces and nephews. Helena was born on February 23, 1929 near Poznan, Poland. In 1967, she immigrated to the US with her husband and four children. Starting a brand new life in an unfamiliar environment and culture, was a profoundly transformative experience. Her hard work and perseverance made her seemingly invincible. She touched countless lives through her compassion, nurturing, hard work ethic, independence, resilience and seemingly endless supply of energy. Helena worked mainly as a professional housekeeper and cook for the Wardynski & Sons business and family. If she wasn't working, she was busy cooking, baking, cleaning, sewing something (mostly always by hand) gardening, conversing with her kitties or tending to grandchildren or great grandchildren. These creative skills and talents she carried over from her younger years, living and pursuing life in Poland. No matter what was ever going on, she always seemed to have a humorous song, story or poem to entertain us with. Having the family together and practicing all the Polish traditions was of utmost importance to her. As of late, reminiscing about the old, simple, down-to-earth days of her life and spending time with family,

especially grandchildren and great grandchildren brought her immense joy. Above all, Helena's unwavering faith in God and praying the rosary provided her with strength and comfort, especially during most challenging times. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Tuesday March 24th from 4-7PM 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 Wednesday at 9:30AM in Resurrection R.C. Church, Cheektowaga. Please assemble at Church. Interment in St Stanislaus Cemetery. Flowers gratefully declined. Donations may be made in Helena's name to Hospice Buffalo or the Buffalo Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation – 1014 Delaware Ave., Buffalo NY 14209. . Please leave condolences online at www.SmolarekCares.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Stanislaus Cemetery

700 Pine Ridge Heritage Blvd.
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 24. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (est)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga
2510 Union Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14227
(716) 668-3122
<https://smolarekfh.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 25. 9:30 AM (est)

Resurrection RC Church
130 Como Park Blvd.
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Please Assemble at Church