



**Gertrude M. (nee Nagel)  
Jankowski**

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**G**ertrude M. (nee Nagel) Jankowski, 87, of Madison Heights, died Sunday, June 18, 2017, at Woodward Hills Nursing Center, in Bloomfield Hills, after a long illness.

She was born on October 26, 1929, at her family home in Detroit. She graduated with the Class of 1948 from St. Josaphat High School. On June 22, 1957, she was married to Raphael A. Jankowski at St. Albertus Roman Catholic Church on East Canfield Street in Detroit. Gert was preceded in death by her husband Raphael (2001) and her son Bryan (2008).

Gert is survived by her son, David (Susan) Jankowski, daughters Kathryn Jankowski, Rachel (Kevin) Wilkie, Celeste (Timothy Snyder) Jankowski and Melissa Jankowski. Gert had 4 grandchildren: Tanya, Westin, Trevor and Ryan.

Everyone who knew Gert remembers her kindness, compassion for those less fortunate, and her generosity. Gert's children and grandchildren held a special place in her heart. Gert was very creative and always boasted that she learned how to crochet at age 9. Crocheting became her favorite hobby. Everyone who had contact with Gert was given some type of crocheted item as a keepsake. Gert was very artistic and enjoyed all types of arts and crafts, including painting the statues in her yard and she even painted a mural on a wall in the basement of her home. Gert had a genuine love of animals and she knew all of the neighborhood dogs by name and would be the first one to get attached to a stray cat that one of her children would bring home. Gert always had fond memories of her first job at the National Bank of Detroit in downtown Detroit. Gert retired from K-Mart where she was employed for many years. Gert was a devout Catholic and has been a member of St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church in Madison Heights since 1957. Gert volunteered her time assisting at St. Vincent Ferrer for over 10 years when her children were young.

Gert wished that her family, friends and acquaintances would celebrate her life



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rather than mourn her passing. The memories that were created over her lifetime will be instilled in the hearts of all that knew her.

Visitation Wednesday, June 21st from 3-9 pm with funeral service at 7 pm at Hopcroft Funeral Home, 31145 John R. Road, Madison Heights (one block north of 13 Mile Road on the west side of John R Road).



## Events


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### Visitation

 **Wednesday**, June 21, 2017


 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET


 **Hopcroft Funeral Home-Madison Heights**  
31145 John R. Road, Madison Heights MI 48071

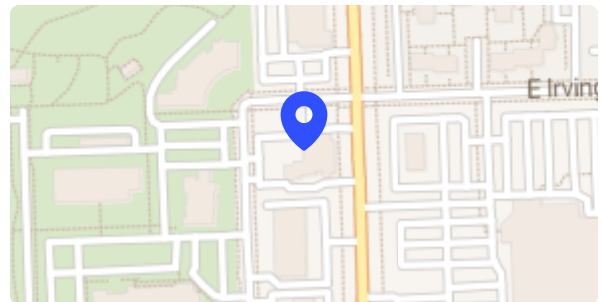


### Funeral Service

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 7:00 PM ET

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**Ms. Tuffy** posted:

My sympathy to the family. May you find comfort in Jesus words, "I am the resurrection and the life."-John 11:25

June 27 at 2:56 AM



**Celeste** lit a candle in honor of Gertrude.

Remembering your giggle will always bring me a smile. The kindness you showed will warm my heart. Thanks for being my mom! Rest in peace my dear.

June 23 at 3:17 AM



**Timothy Snyder** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My condolences to the family and friends during this time of bereavement. Gert welcomed me into her home and her family and I will always have fond memories of her.

June 21 at 3:13 PM



**Celeste** June 23 at 4:48 AM

Timothy - Gert held a special place in her heart for you. The kindness you showed toward her will not be forgotten. You will always be a part of her family.



**Celeste** June 23 at 5:11 AM

She wore her favorite purple sweater all the time.



**M.Jankowski** lit a candle in honor of Gertrude.

June 21 at 7:11 AM



**M.Jankowski** June 21 at 7:16 AM

My Sweet Mom was the kindest, most Generous, and Loving person you will ever know. She is now an Angel and will be with us always. I love you mom.



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**Warden Bush And Family** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Jankowski family.

June 21 at 6:37 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Jankowski family.

June 20 at 7:11 AM



**James &/Or Sirimas Snyder** posted:

We send our sincere condolences to the family. Jim and Siri Snyder.

June 20 at 4:20 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Jankowski family.

June 19 at 10:28 AM





## Media

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Gertrude by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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