



Gertrude E. Zagrodnik

November 28, 1919 - May 24, 2022

Gertrude (Siemionko) Zagrodnik, 102, of Northampton, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at the Cooley Dickinson Hospital. She was born in Easthampton on November 29, 1919, to the late Michael and Katherine (Jankowski) Siemionko.

She was a graduate of Smith Academy High School, and later went on and worked for several years at the Northampton State Hospital as an Occupational Therapist. When her only child Charlene was born, she left work to raise and care for her for 18 years before Charlene ventured off to college. After that, Gertrude returned to work at the State Hospital as a medical secretary before her retirement.

Gertrude was a devout Catholic and was a communicant of the former St. John Cantius Church, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. She was a member of the St. John Cantius and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Woman's Club, where she was charter member, Rosary Sodality, and the Polish Heritage committee.

Gertrude was extremely creative, making everything out of nothing, from drapes, to matching bedspreads, knitting pattern sweaters, and even making clothes for her daughter.

She is survived by her loving and devoted daughter, Charlene Zagrodnik of Northampton, and her partner Joseph Bannish of Westfield, several nieces, and nephews, especially her two special nephews: Richard Zagrodnik and his wife Trish and Roger Keith Siemionko and his wife Susan.

Charlene would like to thank her mother's primary care physician, Dr. Christine Baker, her cardiologist, Stephen DiPillo, his PA Nancy Logan, and the hospitalists, especially Julia Godfrey. She is also grateful for the compassion and kindness from the Doctors and nursing staff at the Cooley Dickinson Hospital.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by husband Charles who passed away in 1983, and her brothers, Roger, and Merle "Monty" Siemionko.

Calling hours will be Friday May 27th from 4-7 PM at DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME, 120 Damon Rd., Northampton. Funeral services will be Saturday May 28th from 9:30 AM from the Drozdal Funeral Home, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Church, 99 King St., Northampton, followed by the committal in Calvary Cemetery in Hatfield. Masks are necessary to attend the calling hours and service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or to a charity of one's choice.

For more information or to leave the family a personal condolence, please visit Drozdalfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Calling Hour

MAY 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home
120 Damon Rd.
Northampton, MA 01060
drozdalfh@aol.com
<http://Drozdalfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 28. 9:30 AM (ET)

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Liturgy

MAY 28. 11:00 AM.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Church

Tribute Wall

ST

“ *My deepest condolences to Charlene and all who cared for Gertrude. It was my privilege to get to know Gertrude as a visiting nurse near the end of her life. She was a joy. I'm so glad to have known her.*

Sara Thrasher - June 04, 2022 at 07:14 AM

LB

“ *Charlene,
Your Mom was a warm, wonderful person who will always be in your heart. Your devotion to each other was very special. I know you will always cherish the beautiful memories you have of each other. Please know we are thinking of you and wish we could pay our respects in person.
Warmest regards,
Leslie & Don*

Leslie Bannish - May 27, 2022 at 10:52 AM

CG

“ *Thoughts and prayers go out to Charlene, on the passing of her Mom, Gertie! Gertie had the best daughter! RIP Gertie!! Love you, Cynthia Goller and Family*

Cynthia Goller - May 27, 2022 at 08:13 AM

CS

“ Gert was one of the sweetest and most caring women I've ever known.

Charlene, you were blessed to have such a wonderful mother and friend for so many years. Please accept our sincere sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Love, Carol and Pete Sharac

Carol Sharac - May 26, 2022 at 10:56 AM

PB

“ I will miss her beautiful smile. I was always impressed of her encyclopedic knowledge of Hatfield & surrounding communities even into her advanced years, as well as, her sometimes feisty attitude which I am sure

helped contribute to her longevity. Charlene, your Matko was so proud of you, you were her ultimate caregiver. Your love & loyalty had no limits & she mentioned many times how blessed she was to have such a daughter. Both she & your Dad have a lot to catch up on while reuniting enjoying some krupnik/brandy together. Rest In Peace Matko!

With love, Paula & John Benoit



Paula Benoit - May 26, 2022 at 10:05 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gertrude E. Zagrodnik.



May 25, 2022 at 09:53 PM