



Gisela Vos (Nee Zaklykowski)

March 11, 1936 - December 31, 2020

Gisela Vos (Nee Zaklykowski). Age 84, passed away suddenly on December 31, 2020 in Troy, Michigan.

Gisela was born in Berlin, Germany to Max Herbert Heinz and Margo Elsa Marie (Wienistedt) Zaklykowski. After being placed in an orphanage for 3 months her grandparents, Leonard and Emma Zaklyowski raised her. She absolutely adored her grandmother Emma. Gisela was an only child. Survived by her children Sabine (Keith) Heathcott of Goodells, Angela Katora of Troy and her son Reiner Vos of Madison Heights. Along with 4, grandchildren, Kurtis (Audra Cooke) and Brandon Heathcott (Athena), Dylan Katora (Natalina Miller) and Miranda Vos (Mike McBride). She was predeceased by her husband Alfred of 59 years, her other 5 sons and one daughter and one daughter Yvonne, her parents Heinz and Margot Zaklykowski.

After surviving WWII and tuberculosis as a child in Germany, she met her Husband Alfred and they got married 2 years later. While still living in Germany she worked at Siemens making Christmas lights. Her husband moved to Canada first, saved money and bought her a plane ticket to Toronto. The day of her arrival her husband forgot she had landed. Luckily, his friend knew my mom and picked her up and drove her to her husband. She learned to speak English by watching the Flintstones and other cartoons. After her first shopping experience by herself and feeling extremely proud of herself. She made her husband some dinner. Getting out what she thought was mustard that she just bought (turned out to be peanut butter), for her Bratwurst

Wieners, she got a little upset. She even tried to fry the peanut butter, but it splattered everywhere. It took her a very long time to like peanut butter. Another funny story was when she got a job working at a chocolate factory (of all places because she loved chocolate), placing the chocolate truffles in the containers. She had an idea of what to do with the extra leftovers. If you remember the episode of "The Lucile Ball Show" with Lucy stuffing her mouth with chocolates, that's Gisela. She even stuffed them in her pockets. Her friend Erica asked her what are you doing her response was, "I don't know-so I ate them." She and her husband (Alfred) lived in Canada for 14 years, started a family and then they started a new adventure moving to the USA in the state of Michigan. She also worked for ADM making recording/broadcasting panels. Gisela lived in Troy for 38 years. She had a strong, feisty and fiery personality, which got her through her most difficult times. She loved her children and grandchildren with all her heart, soul and entire being. They were her life.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 10. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights
3801 18 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
(586) 997-3838

Tribute Wall



“ *Gisela Vos (Nee Zaklykowski)*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Gisela Vos (Nee Zaklykowski)*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Gisela Vos (Nee Zaklykowski).*



January 09, 2021 at 02:51 PM



“ *We are so sorry for the loss of your Mom.
Please know that you all are in our prayers
and thoughts.
God speed and love,
Uncle Mike, Aunt G, Mike, Nancy, Brian, Kara
and families.*



Aunt G - January 09, 2021 at 02:38 PM

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“ Ryan,
No words can describe how sorry I am for the loss of your dear mother. Although I never met her, I know that she loved you & appreciated your constant loving care. What a wonderful son you have been. Listening to your stories of her journey is testament to what a wonderful & exciting life she had. God bless you & your family during this most difficult time. Sharing in your sorrow with love, friendship & prayers always. 🙏❤️
Hope Krakowski & family

Hope Krakowski - January 07, 2021 at 03:58 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gisela Vos (Nee Zaklykowski).



January 05, 2021 at 11:47 AM