



Lucy Ellen Radtke (Knuckles)

January 15, 1930 - October 6, 2023

Lucy Ellen Radtke (Nee Knuckles), age 93, passed away on October 6, 2023.

Born to Mary Tranchemontagne and George Matt Knuckles

Beloved wife of Edward A. Radtke Jr.

Loving mother of Debra Radtke

Dear sister of Viola E. Putkovich (deceased Charles) and Edgar E. Knuckles (deceased Joan)

She is also survived by many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Lucy was preceded in death by her sister, Eleanor Jean (Walter Wawrzyniak) and her four legged companion, Monet.

Lucy was born in Hamtramck where she resided well into her fifties. She began working part-time as early as she could in high school. After graduating, she worked in the office at ACME quality paints.

Widowed at the young age of 54, she lost the love of her life, her husband Edward, who everyone knew as "Junior". Lucy loved to dance. She and her Junior were often the first couple on the floor to dance at many celebrations. She was able to continue her dancing until she was 90 where she was accompanied by her brother Edgar at the holiday social dance.

She also loved to sing, especially with the other love off her life, her daughter Debbie. They did many things together and both were involved in girl

scouting, trips, and camping.

Lucy remained loyal and active with her life long friends that she greatly cherished. She loved to meet them for lunch and play pinochle, cross country skiing and dancing on roller skates, well into her 80's.

The extended Karas family served as a second family to Lucy, always pitching in when she needed anything.

When Lucy became ill at the age of 90, she was well cared for at the Courtney Manor Nursing Facility in Bad Axe, Michigan where she participated in every activity that was offered and was often the lead singer to start the other residents in song.

We will miss her happiness and smile. She was our sunshine.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

17100 Van Dyke (at 6 Mile Road)
Detroit, MI 48234

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **13.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Instate

OCT **14.** 10:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lucy Ellen Radtke (Knuckles)*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Lucy was a wonderful friend and neighbor. Always cheery with a smile. Never had a bad word to say about anybody. Boy can she sing and loved to play cards. Made us laugh always. She will be missed. Lucy, we love you.*

Sandra and Dave Miller - October 12, 2023 at 08:27 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Lucy was a wonderful friend and neighbor in Emerald Lakes Village. Cherish the memories you made together. !!
Prayers and sympathy to all the family.
Andrea & Henry Allemon*

Andrea Allemon - October 12, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of
Lucy Ellen Radtke (Knuckles).*



October 10, 2023 at 10:54 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lucy Ellen Radtke (Knuckles).*



October 10, 2023 at 11:29 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lucy Ellen Radtke (Knuckles).

October 10, 2023 at 11:29 AM



“ *I'll always remember Lucy with the most happy and beautiful smile. Full of fun and loved to dance! She knew all the old songs!! The funnier the better!! Our kids and grandkids lovingly referred to her as Aunt Lucy. She will definitely be missed by her family and friends and everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her. Rest in Peace Dear Lucy; God Bless You Always. Love, Nancy & Jay McLuckie and Family*

Nancy McLuckie - October 08, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Aunt Lucy, you will be missed. Thank you for being a part of my life and great memories! Love, She She*

Sharon Morford, niece - October 07, 2023 at 09:17 AM