



Marcia Jean Lewandowski

November 26, 1943 - May 19, 2024

It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that we share the news of the passing of Ms. Marcia Lewandowski. She had been involved in Polonia since she was a child. Dancing in Mtody Teatr, then in 1965 established with Richard Kubinski, the first adult dance group, the Wawel Folk Ensemble, in the Metro - Detroit area. Sharing her many talents with her dancers and carrying on her love of her Polish Heritage.

Marcia was a member of many Polish Organizations, holding offices from President to Trustee. She also led many workshops in Polish Folk Art, i.e. pisanki, wycinanki, and Polish Christmas ornaments. Marcia was responsible for the Polish Art exhibit at the Downtown Polish Festival for 22 years. She and her sister Ruth would look forward every Christmas season as they were responsible of decorating the Polish Tree at the Meadowbrook Hall, for a number of years.

When the children's dance group of Alliance of Poles/Rzeszow was being formed, Verna Binkowski could only think of one person who would be the finest teacher to instruct the group, Marcia Lewandowski. She continued teaching the Rzeszow dancers for 45 years until their last dance recital on May 4, 2012.

Marcia will be missed by many as she leaves a large void in Polonia.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Instate

JUN 8. 8:30 AM (ET)

Sweetest Heart of Mary Catholic Church
4440 Russell
Detroit, MI 48207

Mass of the Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

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“*“Miss Marcia” was the choreographer of the Polish folk dance and singing group that I participated in at the Dom Polski building. She had the patience to spend extra time correcting my mis-steps, without making me feel embarrassed in front of the rest of the class that didn't have two left feet like me.*

Eugene Polan - January 09, 2025 at 10:53 PM

CM

“*I was a dance student of Marcia’s at Dom Polski, Forest Ave., Detroit for many years. The youth group of dancing students belonged to the PNA Council 15 headquartered in this Dom Polski. We practiced every Thursday evening in the practice area. Mr. Julian Habrowski was our singing instructor and dance music choreographer, later Chris Felcyn took on this role. We had performances for Christmas and attended the many Polish events/parades in Detroit, Livonia, Wyandotte, Dearborn and Belle Isle. I remember attending dance competitions, two most memorable: Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania and Ford Auditorium, Detroit. Marcia made all of these wonderful Polish events possible. I remember making stage props and decorations for all the events under her direction, she was so talented and dedicated.*

I remember Marcia over the years meeting at many Polish events in Hamtramck and at Transfiguration Church. Marcia is definitely a prominent memory in my life. God Bless her and let's just carry and pass on a bit of her dignity to others as we go on in life.

Christina Magda

Christina Magda - June 30, 2024 at 07:05 PM

RK

“ I belonged to Mlody teatr as a teenager and got to know Marcia very well. .

I participated in the Polish American Hootenanny at the Wayne State University's Community Arts Auditorium that was sponsored by FPA. This took place on June 12, 1966. There were two performances: one at 3:00 PM and one at 8:00 PM. I have fond memories of our rehearsing and dancing and how much the audience loved it.

Marcia was also a member of the American Council of Polish Culture (ACPC). She was the recording secretary for the ACPC for many, many years. You could always count on Marcia to have impeccable notes. Her shoes will be very hard to fill.

Rest in Peace Marcia, Love Rozyczka

Rose Kobylinski - June 09, 2024 at 10:46 AM

AK

“ For most of us, Marcia’s shoes are too big to fill, but—as Marcia strongly believed—we must try our best and persevere.
Pokój Jej Duszy

Alicja Karlic - June 08, 2024 at 09:06 AM



“ Rest well Ms. Marcia
-Kelly (Schornak) Kravet
Rzeszow dancer '79 -'92

Kelly Kravet - June 06, 2024 at 10:40 PM

LC

“*Marcia Lewandowski and I first met as freshmen at Wayne State University (1968) and shortly after in Polonia. We remained friends forever. Both of my daughters learned Polish dance under her tutelage with the Reszowiaki Dancers at St. Clemens, Center Line. Throughout the years, we would meet unexpectedly at cultural events in the Polish Community, always happy to reminisce about our younger years and memorable performances by the two dance groups we belonged to respectively, Wawel and Galicja. In the most complimentary sense of the word, Marcia was a perfectionist. She demanded perfection of herself and her students and taught them the discipline needed to aspire to perfection. "Wieczny odpoczynek daj jej, Panie!"*

Lawrence Chominski - June 04, 2024 at 09:53 PM

VH

“*Marcia was a legend in the Polish Dance community. Her contributions to the authenticity of Regional Dance will never be forgotten.*
Tom and Donna, I'm deeply sorry for your loss.

Victoria Hornik-Rosinski - June 04, 2024 at 09:40 PM