



Stella Ann Selka

July 26, 1929 - August 7, 2017

Age 88.

Stella Ann Grzebinski was born on July 26, 1929 to Polish immigrants Mary & Stanley Grzebinski in Detroit, MI. She was the 2nd of 4 children. Ted (died 2010); Dolores (Dolly) Bellomo; Walter (Bobu as he was called, died as a toddler). She graduated in 1947 from Pershing High School in Detroit.

She was married to Michael Joseph Selka on February 11, 1956 in St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, Detroit, MI. They were married for 32 years before Michael passed away on January 14, 1989. Stella and Mike have three children and five grandchildren. Dan – (60) is married to Phyllis Craun and have two children: Sophia (24) & Maximillian "Max" (21). Donna - (56) is married to Terry Schalk and they have three children: Alexandra (27), Jeffrey and Bradley (24). Their youngest daughter is Darla – (54).

Michael & Stella raised their children in Dearborn Heights, MI where Stella lived for almost 50 years before moving to Henry Ford Village (HFV) senior community in August 2008. They were both very active in their church – St. Mel's in Dearborn Heights. They were volunteers that supported the annual Fall Festival, weekly bingo, and CYO athletic events, just to name a few.

Stella was an extremely social person who loved music and to dance. She danced in Polish dance troops at a young age, and was a long time member

of the Polish Lyra, a Singing Social Club where she developed lifelong friendships. She was an avid Scrabble player and was always ready to take you on. She also enjoyed any card game you would play....pinochle, poker, euchre. When Busia babysat, there were always games to be played. Even at HFV, she would have her game nights each week to play with her friends. She was even on the HFV Wii Bowling league.

Stella always loved a good party and was great at organizing them as well. She helped organize our neighborhood Block parties on Fairwood Drive growing up, as well as impromptu Christmas parties inviting the clergy and neighbors over after midnight mass on Christmas Eve. She even served as the bartender at the HFV Friday Happy Hour until she was 87.

She loved the sun and the beach. That is probably why she loved to go on so many cruises, especially with her sister Dolly. She went on over 16 cruises to many tropical locations.

She loved a good adventure and vacations. For over 10 years we enjoyed family vacations "roughing it" at Camp Dearborn with family and friends. We even had one trip up to the family farm when 12 of us drove up for a day trip to Mackinaw in the old Ford station wagon. She traveled to Tanzania in Africa to visit Dan & Phyllis and their children in 2004. She took a hot air balloon ride over the Serengeti and went on her first safari at the young age of 75.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in Stella's name to:
St. Jude Children's Hospital (<https://www.stjude.org/>) or
Michigan Humane Society (<http://www.michiganhumane.org>)

Tribute Wall



“ *Stella Ann Selka*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Stella Ann Selka*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Stella Ann Selka.*



August 11, 2017 at 08:09 PM



“ *Love, Cornelia purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Stella Ann Selka.*



Love, Cornelia - August 11, 2017 at 04:23 AM

PC

“ *In Orange, Virginia for Phyllis and Dan's wedding in 1984- great memories of Stella, Mike and family all together preparing food for their reception.*

Then many years together with Stella was true fun. We played Scrabble and card games and even danced together in the UP. In 2008, with my husband Ray, Dan, Phyllis, and Max (Sophie was at Leelanau summer school), we celebrated Stella's birthday at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac island.

I shall never forget my friend Stella, Cornelia Craun

Phyllis Craun-Selka - August 11, 2017 at 03:47 AM

PC

“ *In 2004 for Mom's 75th birthday, she accompanied Dan, Sophia, Max and me (Phyllis) back to Tanzania. We stopped in London for a couple days to see the sights. We were exploring Westminster Abbey I believe it was when Mom said she was tired and would see us back at the hotel. She hopped on a bus without our help and somehow found her way back to the hotel. We don't know to this day how she did it. Love her smarts and independent spirit.*

Phyllis Craun-Selka - August 11, 2017 at 03:31 AM

MP

“ *Stella was a special lady, and will be greatly missed! She had a great sense of humor, and we always enjoyed seeing her. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family --*

Love, KQ, Mike, Ted and Marie

Mike Pominville - August 10, 2017 at 09:10 PM

DC

“ *Dougie, Lori & Willie Craun purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Stella Ann Selka.*



Dougie, Lori & Willie Craun - August 10, 2017 at 08:49 PM

SW

“ *Your Mom was a dear friend for over 60 years. From Michigan Bell, to the Golfview Manor neighborhood to the Dearborn Heights Leader. She taught me how to make Kapusta (sp?) and how to Polka. I have many, many wonderful memories of the fun times we had together. Warm condolences to Dan, Donna and Darla. Fondly, Sally Watson*

sally watson - August 10, 2017 at 12:33 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Stella Ann Selka.*



August 10, 2017 at 10:39 AM