



Stephanie Elizabeth Ziff

March 13, 1927 - October 5, 2020

Stephanie Elizabeth Ziff died on October 5, 2020 after a brief illness that followed a fall while gardening at her home. She was the beloved wife of the late Henry L. Ziff, with whom she owned and operated the Apollo manufacturing company (previously Detroit Suspender and Belt) for many years.

Born March 13, 1927 in Detroit to the late Walter Rutkowski and the late Lottie (Guzanek) Rutkowski, she was a long-time resident of Grosse Pointe Park.

Stevie was a vibrant, engaged, and generous participant in many community activities, including the gardening and exercise clubs and the Rotary.

She leaves two sisters, Helen Chonkich of Warren, MI and Cecelia Maynard of East Providence RI, a brother, Robert Rutkowski of Warren, and many nieces, nephews, and grand-nieces and nephews. She was pre-deceased by siblings Stella Iwaniec and Chester, Edward, and Stanley Rutkowski.

Cemetery Details

Clover Hill Park Cemetery

2425 East 14 Mile Road
Birmingham, MI 48009

Previous Events

Instate

OCT 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

Transfiguration Catholic Church
5830 Simon K
Detroit, MI 48212

Mass of the Christian Burial

OCT 13. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stephanie Elizabeth Ziff*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Stephanie Elizabeth Ziff*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *Jackie Koslowski lit a candle in memory of
Stephanie Elizabeth Ziff*



Jackie Koslowski - October 13, 2020 at 08:29 PM



“ *Ciocia Stevie you will be truly missed !!!❤️
Now you can visit Tom & Joanne Koslowski and give them a hug
from me !!*

Jackie Koslowski - October 13, 2020 at 08:28 PM



“ *My Dear Sweet Auntie Stevie I always said I wanted to spend more
time with her, I would of learned so much. She was so Sharp and
smart . I will miss her dearly I will miss our long long long long
phone conversations. I keep having a vision of Auntie Stevie smiling
. I know she is with Uncle Henry . I will hold the memories deep in
my heart. I Love you Auntie Stevie*

Peggy Taylor - October 12, 2020 at 03:45 PM

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“ One of the earliest memories I have of Aunt Stevie was when she and Uncle Henry took my cousin Lorraine & I to the circus. What a treat! Such a kind thing to do. Aunt Stevie used her time, energy, and resources to be involved in the lives of all us cousins. She shared in our achievements and sorrows.

In 1982, I moved to Texas so my relationship with Aunt Stevie became mostly telephonic, except for a few visits to Michigan. And Aunt Stevie loved to talk on the phone! Even after two hours, we still had more to talk about but our voices gave out. Clearly, Aunt Stevie's and Uncle Henry's family were the most important things in her life. She joyfully related all the wonderful events concerning our large extended family and sadly shared the bad news. She was so supportive of all of us.

One year I mixed up the month of Aunt Stevie's birthday. My sister Dolly's birthday is May 15 and for some reason I got confused and believed it to be Aunt Stevie's instead. I always sent Aunt Stevie a birthday card but I didn't that March, thinking her birthday was in May. When I called Aunt Stevie in April, I couldn't understand why she was so cool to me. Finally she mentioned how she celebrated the "birthdays" with Ricky and Sarah. "Oh no," I exclaimed, and realized what was wrong. I explained how I got mixed-up. I was so touched that a birthday card from me meant so much to her. As a joke, I sent her a birthday card in May and we laughed like crazy over it. She had a better memory than me!

Losing Aunt Stevie is such a great personal loss. I've been without a mother for almost 50 years and she stepped up to help fill that void. How valuable to have the wisdom and experience of an older woman to offer support and guidance.

Rest in peace, dear Aunt Stevie.

Cecelia Wilkenfeld - October 12, 2020 at 11:03 AM