



## Zofia Zubacziw

July 10, 1923 - October 6, 2022

ZOFIA ZUBACZIW, a longtime resident of Sterling Heights, Beloved mother of Alex and Lucy, grandmother to Stephen and David, widow to her husband George, peacefully passed away on October 6, 2022- at the age of 99. Born in Bubnivka Ukraine, the second of four children to Euheim Bondar and his wife Olha (Shpinda) Bondar: poor laborers on a state collective farm. Zofia was a child survivor of the 1933 Ukrainian Holodomor famine who, later when Germany attacked the country, was taken away by force to work for three years as an OST or forced laborer. That was followed by five years living in a displaced persons camp in the post war American occupation zone. In 1950 Zofia was sponsored by U.S. Congressman Albert Thomas and his wife Lera Thomas of Houston Texas. Sailing weeks across the Atlantic Ocean landing in New York then on by train to Washington D.C. For the next few years, she would serve as the au pair to the Thomas family, especially to the two young daughters. Upon marriage she would move to Detroit and then to Sterling Heights. Working many years during those times at

various area hospitals, primarily in housekeeping. In 1981 she was widowed.

A love of flowers would

always find "Zofie", as she was known to her friends, tending to her garden

and often sharing stories

about her life in Washington D.C. and about her family in her little Ukrainian village so many years ago.

We will love you forever and never forget you dear mother. Find Peace.

Funeral services on October 13,

2022 and final resting at White Chapel in Troy, Michigan.

# Cemetery Details

## **White Chapel Cemetery**

621 West Long Lake Road  
Troy, MI 48098

# Tribute Wall



“ *Zofia Zubacziw*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Zofia Zubacziw*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *Debby lit a candle in memory of Zofia Zubacziw*



**Debby** - October 11, 2022 at 12:56 PM