



Maxine Zolen

December 5, 1931 - January 23, 2017

Maxine Zolen, 85, of Kalkaska, passed away Monday afternoon, January 23, 2017 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. She was born in Bainbridge to Lester and Evelyn Nower on December 5, 1931. Maxine graduated from high school in 1950 in Benton Harbor. She married Joseph Zolen on July 4, 1959, and enjoyed a wonderful marriage for 53 years until his death on February 5, 2013. Maxine was devoted to serving our Lord, her family and her community. While raising seven children, she faithfully served the church as a teacher, organist and choir director. She was well known for her kind heart and always putting others before herself. Surviving Maxine is her children, Dave Zolen of Kalkaska, Mary Colton of Grand Rapids, Bernadette Braganini of Kalamazoo, Bob Zolen of Hudsonville, Chris Zolen of Kalkaska and Diva Darlington of San Pedro California; 16 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; brother Rex; sisters, Kay, Gratia, Mary, Frances and Therese. Maxine Zolen, a sister, mother and grandmother. She was a treasure to our family and will be truly missed. While we mourn her death, we celebrate the confidence we have in her salvation in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Memorial mass will be held on Saturday, January 28th at 1:30 PM at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church with Reverend Norman Dickson, S.J. officiating. Visitation will begin at 11:00 am until the time of service. Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Tribute Wall



“ *Maxine Zolen*

January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



“ *Maxine Zolen*

January 30, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ *Bernie and family, So sorry for the loss of Mrs. Zolen. Sending all of you our thoughts and prayers during this sad time.*

Rochelle and Perry Palanca - February 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am saddened to hear about your family's loss. Maxine was always a pleasure to wait on at the Yankee Boy Restaurant where I have served her and Dave for years. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Stephanie Roessler - February 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Missing Maxine - taught with her at St. Basil School, heard her on the organ in church, and loved her as a friend. I will miss her humor, the care she had for the children she taught, the extra effort she put into everything she did, and her calligraphy! She touched so many lives . Prayers for the family*

Lois Brigham - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Mrs. Zolen was one of my favorite people at St. Basil's who helped build wonderful, lasting memories. Not only was she a loving teacher and mentor, she also made you feel like she was a friend you could talk to about anything. My thoughts and prayers are with all of those close to her. She will be missed, but I hope it helps to know how she lives on in all of the lives she touched.

Beverly Sherman Edwards - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Mrs. Zolen was a great teacher! Through positive encouragement, she helped instill a lifetime of confidence in a shy 6th grader! I'm sure her English lessons contributed to me getting good jobs later in life. Wishing the family strength and peace.

Joyce Leist Keller - January 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Bernie and Family- You always spoke so highly of Mom, Bernie, now reading the Guest Book, I can see what a wonderful Mom and friend to all!! She is with your Dad now and both can live healthy lives!! She will always be with you in your heart. Pete and Markie

January 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Our sincere sympathy to the entire family. Blessings, Andrea and James Karsten

Andrea Karsten - January 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Terri and family. So sorry to hear Maxine had passed. I was in choir at St. Basils with her. What a wonderful women and will always cherish the times I had with her. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Madeline

Madeline Shiflett - January 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Bless all of you. May her love for you and yours for her carry you daily. Big heart hugs to you all. Warm Regards, Lynn & Terri Dotson

Terri Dotson - January 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ I miss you Mom. The magnitude of your love for my 54 years leaves a vast emptiness in my heart. I am consoled only by grace and eternally grateful for the gift of being your daughter. I pray to be half the woman you were. I love you so very much.

Bernie - January 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Over the years I have often thought of her, she was a one of my very good teachers at St. Basils and the songs she taught us have always reminded me of her. My favorite Let There Be Peace On Earth!! Thoughts, Prayers and Sympathy To All...

Lois Moritti Chappell and Family - January 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Sorry for your loss.

Gina Mason - January 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Your Mom was one of the best teachers I had! The St. Basil students were always at the top of the English classes in high school due to her. As I grew to adulthood, she was always a positive influence with her faithfulness and dedication to St. Basil school and church. Thinking and praying for all of you during this sad time....hold your wonderful memories close to your heart!*

Diane Skuza - January 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM