



Jozefa Zarkowski

March 11, 1923 - November 20, 2020

Jozefa Zarkowski, 97 of Clifton passed away on November 20, 2020. Jozefa is survived by her three daughters Zofia Kamieniecka (Henryk), Hanna Inglot (Bronislaw), Irena Kepisty (Czeslaw Krzywozeka); 6 grandchildren: Bozena Verdi, Joanna (Tomasz Skrzypczak), Jaroslaw Inglot (Joanna), Katarzyna Kurpik (Michal), Monika Thompson (Mark), Michelle Vicary (JC); 7 great-grandchildren: Gaja, Olivia, Filip, Maciej, Shawn, Ellie, Charlie; one step daughter Stafania Brzezicka (Antoni); three stepchildren Ewa Zulic (Reci), Irena Stanikowska, Anna Maslowska- Boeck (Andreas); 7 step grandchildren Sandra (Sebastian), Oliver (Natalia), Monika Zietarski, Ernest Stanikowski, Aleksandra Maslowska, Michal Maslowski, Marcin Boeck; 3 step great great grandchildren Hanna Wientarska, Oliver Wientarski, Wojciech Wientarski. She was predeceased by her parents Katarzyna and Jan Piekarcz, siblings Anna, Michał, Agnieszka, Antoni, step son Czesław Zarkowski, Kazimierz and Marta Zarkowski, son in law Gene Kepisty.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **24**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home
337 Belleville Avenue
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
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Funeral Service

NOV **24**. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



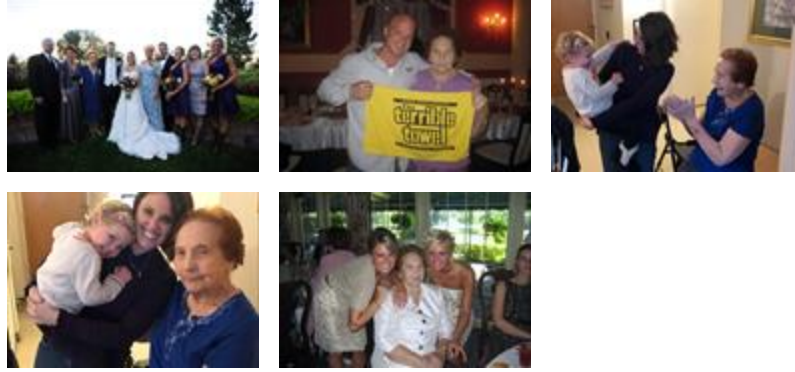
“Where do I even begin? *Babcia* has been my constant for 34 1/2 years. In so many ways I truly believed she would be around forever and she got closer than most by walking this earth for nearly 98 years.

Babcia was my absolute #1 fan and spoiled me more than I want to admit. When I didn't want to sleep alone as a little girl, I slept with *Babcia*. I never went a day growing up without an amazing polish meal ready for me whenever hunger struck (or when I caved after the 12th time of her asking if I was hungry). She was hands down the best cook in the world and if you tell me you've tasted better *golabki* (stuffed cabbage) than hers I will laugh in your face. Whatever I wanted, she didn't see why I shouldn't have it. If that's not the world's best grandma, what is?

She was one of the strongest and strong-willed women I knew. I remember when she was about 80 she was out chopping wood in the yard, hurt her arm & proceeded to make a makeshift sling out of fabric she had around the house and that was that. Who needs doctors? She thought a shot of vodka was a valid medicinal substitute. Her joints could predict the weather. She was in this country for 40+ years and managed to do JUST fine only ever knowing a few key phrases/words in English. We joked she was “strong like bull” but truer words have never been spoken.

I am beyond grateful she was there to see me graduate from college and get married even though she was in a lot of pain for the latter and had to make cross country treks to do both. She was able to meet & love & spoil my daughter and even though she never had a chance to meet my son, I know she loved him immensely in the 12 short weeks their lives overlapped.

I could go on but I'm sure at this point I'm just writing this for myself so I will end by saying *ja kocham ciebie Babcia*. You have always been and will always be a part of me and I will miss you for the rest of my days.



Michelle Vicary - November 21, 2020 at 10:30 PM

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Perfection Misia. This is beautiful tribute ❤️

Monika Thompson - November 22, 2020 at 07:40 AM

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“ *Monika Thompson lit a candle in memory of Jozefa Zarkowski*



Monika Thompson - November 21, 2020 at 09:21 PM

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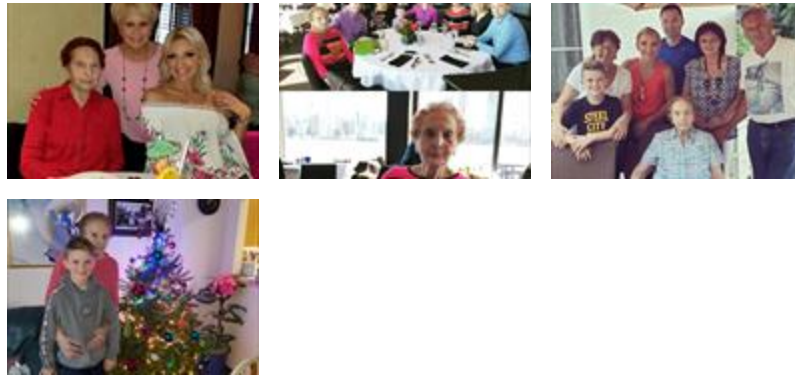
“ *Love, Teresa Wojciechowski purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Jozefa Zarkowski.*



Love, Teresa Wojciechowski - November 21, 2020 at 07:48 AM

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“ Jozefa Zarkowska was the matriarch of our family. Tough as nails, hard working, loving, a great cook, always there to give a hug, lend an ear and up for a gossip session. Babcia was our rock, our home and the heart and soul of our lives. You will be missed so very much.



Monika Thompson - November 20, 2020 at 08:54 PM