

Stella Chrzanowski

March 27, 2021

On the morning of March 27, 2021, at the age of 101, Stella Chrzanowski of Ft. Collins met her Heavenly Father.

Stella was born to Stefania and Adam Chciuk in Detroit, Michigan in 1919. She attended Cass Technical High School where she learned millinery and specialized sewing skills and she studied sewing at Wayne State University. In 1945, she married Erwin Chrzanowski and together they raised two children, Laurie and Camille.

After her father died and the Depression came, Stella remembered how her mother struggled to keep their family healthy and in their family home. She talked of one time when she longed for a doll and there was no money for one – but she got one from the Salvation Army. She never forgot their kindness. She always remembered her roots and how hard her family worked in those days.

Stella was a hard worker from a young age. She cleaned, cooked, sewed and babysat for others and contributed to her family's finances any way she could. She managed the counter at a neighborhood grocery, worked as a butcher at a local store and she did "War Work" as a riveter at Briggs Manufacturing in Detroit.

When things needed doing, she was there, but behind the scenes so others would enjoy themselves. Stella appreciated animals and often talked of her beloved dogs, cats or birds. She loved and cared for her two children and two grandchildren. She recently met her only great-grandson, Becken.

Stella was well-liked, though quiet and unassuming. She loved to laugh and knew most of the lines of her favorite TV shows. She spent her last years at New Mercer Commons where she was loved and cared for by her “girls” and often praised them to others for their wonderful compassionate care.

Stella is preceded in death by her father Adam, her mother Stefania, her brothers Steven, Edward and Harry, her sister Lorraine, her infant daughter Cynthia, and her granddaughter Rebecca.

She is survived by her two children, Laurie (Thomas) Meek of Ft. Collins and Camille (Robert) Wieder of Quakertown, PA, grandson Martin (Gina) Singer of Chicago, IL and great-grandson, Becken Singer of Chicago, IL

A memorial service will be held privately at 5:00pm on Wednesday March 31, 2021. A live stream will be available at that time, with a recording to follow. Please call Goes with any questions.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Salvation Army in Stella's name.

Tribute Wall



“ Goes Funeral Care & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Stella Chrzanowski



Goes Funeral Care & Crematory - March 31, 2021 at 07:45 PM



“ Stella Chrzanowski

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM

BS

“ Sending love and light to “Stella Bella’s” family! She was so loved by you (her family) and the staff at New Mercer! As a caregiver (7 years) I felt so honored to care for her. She was such a genuine, loving, kind and fun spirit! She embodied a true “tough cookie” from the Greatest Generation; From her love story with Erwin (she always had to mention how tall he was), to working in the war effort! She always reminded me to be a kid at heart, “Life’s too serious/short, Kiddo!” She was always my favorite “Goof-Nut,” and now I call my babies goof-nuts! She loved talking about how proud she was of Laurie and Camille and Marty! She always told me she missed Rebecca’s singing voice, and that she found comfort that she was “singing with the angels,” and now I’ve found at that Miss Stella, you’re getting a concert! Now you’ll be dancing with Erwin and reuniting with your mom! I know your smile will be missed and that sweet wink of yours!

Stella had a special way of making you feel like family or a dear old friend. Her stories of her life and experiences and her family, made you feel like you were back in time, standing right next to her! She was a lot of sweet and a little bit of sass and just the right amount of ornery! A very warm and genuine soul! I started at New Mercer right at 18 and now that I’m almost 30, I still carry our laughs and moments we had together! She was truly a pearl, thank you for sharing her! May your memories bring you comfort and may you find peace in knowing that she was so loved, by many! She was LOVE, and her legacy lives on! Love and light, always!

Bry Soja

Bry Soja - April 07, 2021 at 01:45 PM

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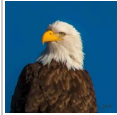
Oh thank you so much for sharing your memories of Mom! They are precious. I'm so glad she had such wonderful caretakers at New Mercer. Yes, you are definitely one of her "girls" for sure!

Camille Wieder - April 07, 2021 at 02:29 PM

JS

“ I was Stella's letter carrier for several years before she moved to New Mercer. I got to know her and enjoy her friendship before I realized that she was the mother of my friend and co-worker, Laurie. She was a wonderful lady and will be missed. Judy Sweek

Judy Sweek - March 31, 2021 at 11:26 PM



Thank you Judy.

Laurie Meek - April 04, 2021 at 08:20 PM

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Laurie Meek - March 31, 2021 at 03:02 PM

KH

“ Camille and Bob,
What a rich, long life your mom had! May your memories of all the years past give you comfort as you mourn her loss. Thinking of you,
Karen and Wayne Hasson. Chatham, ON Canada

Karen Hasson - March 30, 2021 at 08:58 AM

CA

Thanks so much, Wayne and Karen!

Camille - March 31, 2021 at 07:41 PM

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Laurie Meek - March 29, 2021 at 09:39 PM