



Sophie Papes

October 10, 1929 - November 14, 2020

Sophie Grace Papes aged 91 of Free Soil passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday, November 14, 2020. Sophie was born on October 10, 1929 in Scottville, the daughter of Anton J. and Sophia (Baltusitis) Evanauski and graduated from Scottville High School with the class of 1947. On June 2, 1951 she married John Charles Papes and they celebrated 38 years together before John preceded her in death on December 10, 1989. Sophie was also preceded in death by her parents, her brothers and sister John, Peter, and Frank Remeika, Nellie Driza, and John Evanauski.

Sophie work several years at Star Watch Case in Ludington and Stokely's Cannery in Scottville. After retirement she would help out at Needlefast Evergreens in Ludington during their busy season. Aside from her family, which was her greatest love, Sophie kept herself busy crocheting, gardening, playing bingo, cooking large meals that could feed an army - all from scratch without written down recipes, or if you were driving by her home on North US 31 you would often see her out mowing her lawn. When John was alive, they raised dairy and beef cattle together and Sophie was very proud that their milk was contracted out to Dean's Milk in Ewart, a high standard in the industry. Always well dressed for any occasion, Sophie enjoyed shopping trips to Traverse City with her daughter looking for the great bargains in clothing and dresses. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the St. Rose Altar Society in Custer, was a previous member of St. John Cantius Church

and St. Theresa Rosary Circle in Free Soil, and St. Jerome's Church and St. Helena Altar Society in Scottville.

Sophie will be greatly missed by her children John (Pat) Papes Jr. and Ann (Robert) Banwell all of Fountain, and Alice (Michael) McDonald of Grand Haven; her grandchildren John (Beth) Papes III, Andrew Papes, and Robert (Jenna) Papes; her great-grandchildren Griffin Papes, Delaney Ellicott, Madeline Papes, and Mila Papes; her brother-in-law Alex Papes of Free Soil; her sister-in-law Dorothy Papes of Ludington; her best friends and special nieces & nephews Karen Prickett, Ron & Cookie Evanauski, Dan & Pit Remeika, Tony Driza, and Jim & Deb Driza, along with several additional nieces, nephews, cousins, and great friends.

Sophie's family would also like to recognize the Stakenas family, Rosie Meli, and Carol & Doug Miller for their friendship and help in "keeping an eye" on their mother.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Sophie at 11:00 am on Friday, November 20 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Custer with Rev. Daniel DePew as celebrant. Burial will follow at St. John Cantius Cemetery in Free Soil. Friends may meet with her family for a time of visitation on Friday morning from 10:00 am until time of Mass at the church. All those attending are required to wear masks and practice social distancing while inside the church. Those who wish to remember Sophie with a memorial donation are asked to make it to her family and they will decide which organization the donations will be distributed to after the services.

Cemetery Details

St. John Cantius Cemetery

2845 East Michigan Street
Free Soil, MI 49411

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
85 South Madison Street
Custer, MI 49405

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GM

“ Bob and Annie, we are so sorry to hear of Sophie's passing. She was a good sweet person and will be missed by many. I always enjoyed her "comments" when she didn't see me at Saturday night mass. Sometimes I had to tell her a small white lie. Molly and I are thinking of you and your family during these difficult times.

Love,
Gary and Molly

Gary Miles - December 08, 2020 at 11:45 AM

AT

“ I am so sorry to hear that Sophie has died. I have lots of memories of traveling to Scottville with my parents to visit the farm, or for the Lithuanian picnics, and then later to Evanauski-Remeika-Ruzgis-Timinskis reunions at Deb and Jim Driza's where we would try to plot out the genealogy of our families! I am grateful that my husband and I got to celebrate Sophie's 90th birthday last summer along with her daughter Ann. We send our sympathy and love to the family.
Anne Totoraitis and Scott Roberts, Seattle, WA

Anne Totoraitis - November 20, 2020 at 05:56 PM

SB

“ What good times we had at the Lithuanian potlucks in Custer! Love from Sonia Lapenas Bergers.

Sonia H Bergers - November 20, 2020 at 09:44 AM

BJ

“ We were very sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved mother. Please know that she and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Bob still remembers going to her house for treat or treating and how nice she was. Love to you all now Bob and Linda Jacobson

Bob and Linda Jacobson - November 19, 2020 at 07:17 PM

Tricia
Murphy

“ Tricia Murphy lit a candle in memory of Sophie Papes



Tricia Murphy - November 19, 2020 at 04:27 PM

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Huggs and Prayers to Ann and Alice John!!!! Mom and myself enjoyed talking to Sophie. My mom was Grace Murphy. Take Care

Tricia Murphy - November 19, 2020 at 04:31 PM

JC

Bless all the Papes family

Judy A. Cunningham - November 20, 2020 at 02:28 PM

AB

“ I will remember Sophia because of her love of life and her family. We always had good times at the Lithuanian picnics with Sophia and her family.

We have known Sophia and her family for over 40 years because her daughters, Ann and Alice, are friends with my daughter, Alexandria.

Plus, we are fellow Lithuanians. We Lithuanians have to hang together because there are not too many of us left.

My family and Sophia's family have enjoyed many many life experiences together. The farewell to Sophia will be another life experience together.

Rest in Peace Sophia. Thank you for being you. You are a special woman.

Warm Regards to you and your children.

Alexis Lapenas Gestes-Bradow and her daughters, Emily, Francine, and Alexandria.

November 19, 2020

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Alexis bradow - November 19, 2020 at 08:52 AM



Thank you!!

Alice McDonald - November 19, 2020 at 09:09 AM

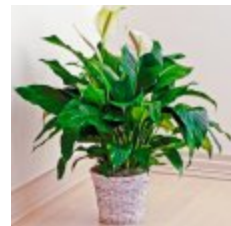
CM

“ We met Sophie the summer of 2012 when we bought the house next door to her daughter and son-in-law Ann and Bob Banwell. Sophie and I became close friends over the past 8.5 years. We did a lot of fun things together and it was a privilege and blessing to call her my friend and to be able to help her out as her health began to fail. I will miss you Sophie but know you are in a better place now. In Heaven with the Lord. Love forever, Carole and Doug Miller

Carole Miller - November 18, 2020 at 07:11 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Sophie Papes.



November 18, 2020 at 01:06 PM

DT

“ *John and Pat, Please take comfort knowing your Mom is resting in the loving arms of our Lord Jesus. Walking for all eternity in the sunlight with her loving husband..*

Denise Taylor - November 18, 2020 at 12:13 AM

LK

“ *Lori Kapala lit a candle in memory of Sophie Papes*



Lori kapala - November 17, 2020 at 08:31 PM

AM

Thanks

alice mcdonald - November 17, 2020 at 09:30 PM

UB

“ *Annie, your Mom was always had kind words whenever we saw each other, no matter how long it had been. Hugs and thoughts with you and your family.*

Ursula Brocket

Ursula Brocker - November 17, 2020 at 08:19 PM

AM

Thanks

alice mcdonald - November 17, 2020 at 09:31 PM

SF

“ Steve & Dorothy Papes Family purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Sophie Papes.



Steve & Dorothy Papes Family - November 17, 2020 at 11:55 AM



“ Crossing Over Lid Decoration was purchased for the family of Sophie Papes.



November 17, 2020 at 03:10 AM

SF

“ Sophie will remain in our hearts forever. purchased the Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Bright Mixed Flowers for the family of Sophie Papes.



Sophie will remain in our hearts forever. - November 16, 2020 at 06:08 PM



“ In Her Honor Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Sophie Papes.



November 16, 2020 at 12:01 AM



“ *Lavender & White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Sophie Papes.*



November 15, 2020 at 11:54 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Sophie Papes.*



November 15, 2020 at 01:14 PM