



Marie Sowa Kowalski

May 29, 2020

Marie Sowa Kowalski, 87, of Allentown, passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 29, 2020 at Lehigh Valley Hospice after a long illness. Born in Sheatown on July 31, 1932, she was the daughter of the late Michael and Catherine Bobowski Sowa. She was graduated from Newport High School, Wanamie in 1950.

When her children were young, Marie was a member and president of the School Guild of Most Holy Trinity Church (now St. Faustina) in Nanticoke. She was ever present at school and church activities, including involvement with the preparations and execution of the annual summer bazaar.

Marie worked for a number of years for Keystone Specialty Company in Nanticoke, as well as for RCA Corporation in Mountain Top. In later years, she worked for the Hershey Creamery Company, and Holi-Décor, both in Allentown. In her retirement years, she volunteered as the switchboard operator at Phoebe Health Care Center in Allentown, where she and Johnny (as she called her husband) were known for their annual appearance as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus for the residents.

Marie was a true fan of Penn State football. She enjoyed going to or watching Penn State games. She was also a lifelong fan of the Philadelphia Phillies. One highlight of her life was attending the World Series Championship Game 7 with Johnny in 2008. In early years, Marie was an avid bowler, and enjoyed league play. Marie and Johnny spent many weekends camping in their travel

trailer, often taking their grandchildren with them.

In addition to her parents, Marie was predeceased by her husband of fifty-five years, John J. Kowalski, who was the love of her life. She was also predeceased by her sisters Helen and Ann, brothers Joseph, Stanley, and Edward, and grandson Trevor Kowalski.

She is survived by her four children, John (wife, Diane) Kowalski, Allentown; Maria (husband, Daniel) Floryshak, Macungie; Julie (husband, Warren) Nichols, Tallahassee, FL; and Joel Kowalski, Coplay; ten grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Walter and Marie Sowa; sisters, Hedwig Rominski and Theresa Sowa; sister-in-law Florence Sowa; and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 1040 Flexer Ave., Allentown, 18103 on Wednesday, June 3rd, at 10:30 AM. A socially distanced viewing will be held in the vestibule of the church from 9:30-10:30 AM. A private burial will follow at Resurrection Cemetery in Wescosville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (<http://alz.org/pa>), St. Thomas More Catholic Church, or St. Faustina Kowalska Roman Catholic Church, 520 S. Hanover St. Nanticoke, 18634.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

547 N. Krocks Rd.
Allentown, PA 18106

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUN 3. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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