



Lillian M. Slater

March 20, 1944 - April 21, 2019

Slater, Lillian M. of Saginaw, Michigan

Our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend passed away peacefully at her home on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019 surrounded by her loving family. She was 75 years old. Lillian Margaret Messing was born on March 20, 1944 in Ruth, Michigan to the late Charles and Magdalene (Kirsch) Messing. At age 15, she was called to serve God as a part of the Adrian Dominican Order. During this time, she completed her Bachelor's Degree at Sienna Heights College and taught at St. Rita Catholic School in Chicago. After fulfilling 10 years in the Convent, God called her to move in a different direction. She began teaching at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic School in Buena Vista and it was during this time that she met the love of her life, Paul. Lillian was united in marriage to Paul Slater on July 26, 1975, at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church. Together they were blessed with three children: Anne, Kevin and Jane and had many special moments with nephews, Craig and Jamie Messing. Lillian was a wonderful seamstress and enjoyed sharing her talent with family, church and the community. She also enjoyed ceramics and gardening, playing Scrabble and doing jigsaw puzzles. Lillian was a faithful and active member of St. Dominic Parish – St. Stephen Catholic Church, where she volunteered with the Prayer Quilt Ministry, Catechism and Prayer Line. In her spare time, she was involved with the Friends of the Butman Fish Library.

Lillian is survived by her husband, Paul; children: Anne (Wade) Wortley, Kevin Slater and Jane Slater; wonderful grandchildren: Paige, Luke, Matthew and Christopher; siblings: Ron (Pat) Messing, Carol (Harold) Dropeski, Faye Karpovich, Ben (Pat) Messing, Harry Messing, Cliff (Sue) Messing and Mike (Sherry) Messing; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Ken Vahovick, Charlotte Morgan, Diane (Tom) Tomczak, Linda Slater, Roberta Slater, Richard (Dianne) Slater and Mary Anne (Lee) Rosbach; God-children: Craig, Jerry and Aaron; dear friends: Rita, Mary Ellen, Margaret and Cindy; many nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

Lillian was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Alice Vahovick; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Lela and Elmer Slater; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Steve Karpovich, Coletta (Ron) Cargill, Tom Morgan, Edwin Slater, Don (Barb) Slater, Duane (Mary) Slater, Robert Slater and Elmer Slater, Jr.; treasured cousins: Judy Booms, Bessie Kirsch and

Patrick Messing; a special nephew, Dennis Slater; and adored niece, Amanda Messing-Spencer.

FUNERAL: A funeral liturgy will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at St. Dominic Parish – St. Stephen Catholic Church, 1300 Malzahn. Rev. Fr. Steven Gavit will officiate. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

VISITATION: Family and friends will gather at the Deisler Funeral Home, 2233 Hemmeter Rd. (off State) on Friday, April 26, 2019 from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. A Vigil service will be prayed at 7:00 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Lillian will lie in state at the church on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until the time of Mass.

MEMORIALS: Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider a donation to Camp Fish Tales, 2177 E. Erickson Rd., Pinconning MI 48650 or the Saginaw Rescue Mission, 1021 Burt St., Saginaw MI 48706. Please share your thoughts and memories with the family at the funeral home, church or through www.DeislerFuneralHome.com

Cemetery

Roselawn Memorial Gardens
950 N Center Rd.
Saginaw, MI, 48638

Events

APR 26 Visitation 02:00PM - 08:00PM
Deisler Funeral Home
2233 Hemmeter Road, Saginaw, MI, US, 48603

APR 26 Vigil Service 07:00PM
Deisler Funeral Home
2233 Hemmeter Road, Saginaw, MI, US, 48603

APR 27 Visitation 09:00AM - 10:00AM
St. Dominic Catholic Church, St. Stephen site
1310 Malzahn, Saginaw, MI, US, 48602

APR 27 Mass 10:00AM
St. Dominic Catholic Church, St. Stephen site
1310 Malzahn, Saginaw, MI, US, 48602

Comments



“ Condolences to the Slater family who I have known most of my life with my Grandparents living across the Street from them in the little yellow house. I was happy to help out last year with Lillian in her home as a morning caregiver. She was friendly, talkative and never had a bad word to say about anyone or anything despite her condition and was keeping the faith the best she could. And loved her family and grandchildren. May she rest in eternal peace.



Kris Gaertner - April 30 at 02:37 PM



“ My sincerest condolences to the Slater/Messing family on the loss of your dear mother, wife, sister, grandma. She was a wonderful teacher and woman. Miss Messing was my second grade teacher at Our Lady Help of Christians. I remember well her and Miss Riefel (my first grade teacher - maybe her friend Rita?) meeting the loves of their lives and getting married. Their happiness, excitement and planning was shared with us and as a little girl imagining myself married someday and having kids (now married 21 years with 3 children), I was fascinated. My mom (Diane Tenbusch then) was also born in Ruth and knew some of Miss Messing's family so there was an additional connection there too. She always had a fond place in my heart. She had high expectations and challenged her students while being caring and kind. I didn't know that she had been a nun. That makes the falling in love story even more poignant. Thank you for sharing so much about her in her obituary. It sounds clearly like she lived the life she dreamed of when she fell in love. I pray God's peace envelopes and comforts you all. May she Rest In the Peace of Christ.
Mary Godi Birks

Mary Godi Birks - April 27 at 06:30 AM



“ Healing Tears - All Pink was purchased for the family of Lillian M. Slater.



April 24 at 04:15 PM



“ Lillian was an amazing woman, I had the pleasure of taking care of her at the clinic as well as inpatient. I always looked forward to seeing her and talking about gardening when we could. My thoughts and prayers to the entire family, she will surely be missed.

Connie, RN - April 24 at 02:53 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Lillian M. Slater.



April 24 at 02:06 PM



“ Lil was a wonderful sister-in-law and will be truly missed, rest in peace Lil.

Linda Slater - April 24 at 11:22 AM



“ Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Lillian M. Slater.



April 24 at 09:28 AM



“ When I first heard of Aunt Lils peaceful passing, what first came to mind was my mother (Alice Vahovick) will now have her sister by her side in heaven. Always admired the sisters closeness, tagged along to many Birthday lunches. I found it difficult to stay on I75, when traveling through Saginaw, always knew that Aunt Lil was up for a visit. Special thoughts to Uncle Paul, Annie & family, Kevin & Jane, as they journey through this difficult time. An Aunt has a special love! Sherrie (Vahovick) Wallace

Cheryl Wallace - April 24 at 03:40 AM



“ Your mom was a wonderful mother and grandma she was a fabulous seamstress my prayers are with and your family

Marjorie Wortley - April 23 at 09:45 PM



“ Karpovich Family purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Lillian M. Slater.



Karpovich Family - April 23 at 02:59 PM