



## Eileen Mary Kath

January 5, 1928 - November 16, 2018

Age 90 of Shoreview, formerly of Roseville. Our beloved mother peacefully entered heaven on November 16, 2018 surrounded by her loving family. Preceded in death by parents, Thomas & Mary (Zabinski) Deppa; brother, Walter Deppa; sister, Bernadette Olson; loving husband, Robert and grandson, Patrick. She was born January 5, 1928 in St Cloud Minnesota and was exceptionally proud of her 100% Polish heritage. Her mother tragically died when she was 5 years old which profoundly impacted her life. Two years later she was diagnosed with Small Pox and quarantined alone in a summer attic for 3 months. She attended 13 schools until graduating from St Cloud Tech in 1945. She moved to St Paul where she met her loving husband. They were married in 1948 and blessed with 5 wonderful children. She was a devoted mother and actively raised her family in Roseville Minnesota. She was involved in many organizations: Pres MN Bell Assoc, Secretary Ramsey County Sheriff's Auxiliary, Pres Suburban Women's Club, Pres Roseville Central Park and proud member of Shoreview Sr 500 Card Club. A highlight was being crowned Princess of 4 Winds in St Paul Winter Carnival Sr Royalty 2004 and featured on nationally televised Collectible Treasures for her unique collection of 1000 bells. After working at Bethel College for many years she retired, enjoyed traveling and spent time with her treasured family. Eileen was the 1st person in the country who successfully initiated and won a major lawsuit in wrongful death suit of her husband against the Railroad Industry in 1987. This resulted in opening doors to thousands of hardworking, blue collar

railroad workers nationwide who suffered from asbestos exposure. This lawsuit was a tribute to her husband who died from Mesothelioma in 1986 while faithfully working 42 years as locomotive engineer on Northern Pacific and Burlington Northern RR. She is survived by her loving family: Debbie St Marie (Bill), Mary Kath, David Kath (Nancy), Fritzie Ellingson (Tim), Robert Kath (Roberta), Shelley Diffley (Jim), Suzie Atwood (Luke), Stacey Madison (Tim), Stephanie Whitehill (Jason), Ryan Kath (Carla), Adam Kath (Lindsey), Jordan Kath (Rebecca), Lacey Rutledge (Edward), Holly Hague (Seth), Jackie Schuldt (Ryan), Bradley Kath (Kayla), Marie Diffley, Anna Diffley, Claire Diffley, Allie Atwood, Lucy Atwood, Molly Atwood, Taylor Whitehill, Brooke Whitehill, Billy Madison, Belle Kath, Millie Kath, Madeline Kath, Isla Kath, Isaiah Hague, Vivian Hague and Riley Schuldt. Mass of Christian Burial 11AM Monday, November 26 (visitation begins at 10AM) at ST. ODILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH, 3495 N. Victoria, Shoreview. Interment Roselawn Cemetery. Memorials preferred to Eileen M Kath Memorial. A donation will be made to St John Cantius Church in St Cloud MN, (a Polish family church she attended as a young girl) and St Odilia Church where she was a member for the past 56 years.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Im sorry for the loss of your precious mother. I loved her too and will miss her. I loved visiting with her, learning about her Polish family and her children that she was so proud of and loved dearly. I love you Aunt Eileen.*

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**Sandy Sagdalen** - November 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Debbie and family We are so sorry to hear about your Mom. You are all in our prayers. She was quite the lady and we were blessed to have known her. With Sympathy John & Sue*

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**She & John Gunter** - November 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM