



JoAnne (nee. Tadajewski) Lesney

November 24, 1937 - July 17, 2011

JoAnne (nee. Tadajewski) Lesney, of Mesick and formerly Dearborn Heights, passed away peacefully in the care of her loving family on July 17, 2011. She was 73.

Born November 24, 1937 in Detroit, Michigan, JoAnne was the first of two children born to parents Paul and Wanda (nee. Zawacki) Tadajewski. The Tadajewski family grew with the addition of JoAnne's younger brother Richard. Paul and Wanda raised their children in Detroit. While attending a neighborhood party, JoAnne met the young Jerry Lesney. Soon their courtship began and the two fell in love. Jerry and JoAnne were married on June 20, 1959 at St. Peter and Paul Church in Detroit. The Lesney's were blessed by the birth of their daughter Linda and their son Craig.

JoAnne was a dedicated wife to Jerry and a caring mother to Linda and Craig. The family was known for their elaborate holiday and all-occasion parties. The festivities continued as the family grew; Linda married David Nowak and their family made JoAnne the proud grandma of Amanda, Dana and Emily; JoAnne was thankful for the love shared between Craig and JB. The extended Lesney family, though few in numbers, is strong in spirit.

JoAnne developed her career at NailCo & HairCo as a sales specialist. She was ever dedicated and so passionate about her expertise that she was often

awarded by her company. She was very proud to work with NailCo & HairCo and was always humbled by the frequent recognitions. She retired after seven years with the company.

In retirement, Jerry and JoAnne came to Mesick, Michigan where they made their dream home. "Gramps Camps" on ten acres of Christmas trees was made special by JoAnne's gardens and statues. Jerry and JoAnne loved their home in Mesick where they hosted family, friends and neighbors.

In addition to, Col. Gerald "Jerry" Lesney, her beloved husband of 52 years. JoAnne is survived by her daughter Linda (David) Nowak and son Craig (Jan Barksdale) Lesney; granddaughters Amanda Mae, Dana Marie and Emily Anne; brother Richard (Barbara) Tadajewski; nieces Laura Woodall and Amy (Ian) Switalski. JoAnne is also survived by her dear canine companion Toby, her extended family and a host of dear friends who mourn her passing and give thanks to God for her life among them.

Funeral Services will be held 10:00 AM Thursday, July 21, 2011 at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac with Deacon James Siler officiating. Friends meet the family from 3 - 8 PM Wednesday at the Funeral Home. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com

Tribute Wall

KK

“ Jerry, We just found out from Ernie in CO. you have our sympathy. Remember all the good times, double dating, party hardy's, Alhambra functions. You have been great friends. Stay strong big guy, we love ya!

Ken & Pat Kress - July 20, 2011 at 03:49 PM

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“ You and your family are in our prayers.

Ivan & Glenda Sue Robertson - July 20, 2011 at 01:45 PM

KH

“ So very sorry to hear of Joanne's passing - your whole family are in my thoughts and prayers. She was indeed a fun part of all the parties I remember at Aunt Mae & Uncle Ed's cottage. My deepest sympathy to you all - God bless you.

Kathy (Buszek) Harley - July 20, 2011 at 11:11 AM

TB

“ My sympathy goes out to your family for your loss. I remember Joanne from the many family celebrations at Aunt Mae and Uncle Ed's home and cottage. She was a very special and kind person and my prayers go out to your entire family.

Tom Buszek - July 20, 2011 at 10:33 AM

CD

“ *Joanne was like a second mother to me. She opened her home and heart and family to me. I have many wonderful memories of being a part of the Lesney family and I thank all of you for this. My condolences to all of my " extended family."*

Cindi DeFroy - July 20, 2011 at 06:35 AM

KF

“ *Love you always*

Kevin Foldvary - July 20, 2011 at 01:10 AM