



## Pia Maria Krawciw

December 20, 1938 - April 18, 2023

Pia Maria Krawciw of Cadillac passed away Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at Munson Healthcare Cadillac Hospital. She passed away peacefully and was surrounded by all of her family. She was 84.

Pia was born December 20, 1938 in Wolfach, Germany to Ludwig and Berta (Schmider) Wehle.

She was a member of the Ruby Red Hats Out of the Bag Red Hat Society of Cadillac. With her spunky and brave personality her German accent left an impression on everyone she met. She loved doing arts and crafts polka dancing and gardening. Pia loved spending time on the water going for pontoon boat rides. She was a wonderful host, delighting guests with her cooking and baking. Pia was a wonderful mother and very involved with her children when they were young and she delighted in her grandchildren.

She is survived by her children: Josef (Peggy) Krawciw of Ortonville, Renee (Kurt) Stracka of Tustin, Debby (Charles) Wiltzer of LeRoy and Nickol Krawciw (James Gibson) of Cadillac; grandchildren: Josef, Cassandra, Lindsey, Kylie, Dylan, Kelsey, Seagar; great-grandchildren: Aidan, Harper, Maggie, Jameson, Scarlett, and Brandt.

In addition to her parents Pia was preceded in death by her husband Josef

Krawciw in 1994 and her sisters, Elsie Norton and Rita Huhn.

A memorial visitation will be held Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Cadillac Fire Fighters Local 704 or the Wexford County Council on Aging.

An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

APR **29**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services  
205 East Cass Street  
Cadillac, MI 49601

# Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pia Maria Krawciw.*



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April 28, 2023 at 08:50 AM



“ *Our fondest thoughts to you and your family for the passing of Pia. She was a dear friend to the Mattzela family for so many years. Such a spark she brought to our conversations and so generous a person. We enjoyed our visits with Pia the past few years, and consider it a privilege to have known her. You are in our prayers for comfort and peace during this time. Much Love, Gordon & Nancy Mattzela*

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**Gordon & Nancy Mattzela** - April 24, 2023 at 05:09 PM

SF

“ Dear Joe, Renee, Debby, Nicole and her families.

*We are sorry you're going through this difficult time. Aunt Pia was such a great person, she will live on in our memories forever.*

*We know her as a person who lived for her family, always smiling, friendly and helpful. We enjoyed her visit with us in the Black Forest, her phone calls, which were always an experience due to her nature.*

*She was our loving and humorous aunt from America, we loved her.*

*Words cannot ease your pain, but rest assured that our thoughts are with you to support you at this difficult time.*

*We wish you all much strength in the coming days and hug you tightly*

*With Love from all us*

*Sandra, Hubert, Ann Marie and Christian*

*Daniel, Elke, Kay and Lars*

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**Sandra, Daniel and families** - April 24, 2023 at 03:00 PM

SF

“ Sandra, Daniel with her families purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Pia Maria Krawciw.



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**Sandra, Daniel with her families** - April 24, 2023 at 02:52 PM

CP

“ Our memories go back to when you lived in LeRoy. It is a joy to remember your smile and accent. We send our sympathy to all the family.

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**Carlton and Shelby Plyler** - April 23, 2023 at 02:21 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pia Maria Krawciw.



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April 23, 2023 at 10:57 AM

BN

“ Debby and Nickol, so sorry for your loss. Condolences from Brian and Melissa Nyland.

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**Brian and Melissa Nyland** - April 22, 2023 at 11:14 AM

KS

“ Had the pleasure of meeting Pia, uh, geez, fifty years ago.... One of the earliest memories was spending time over at their small farm.in LeRoy where Joseph and her were processing chickens (will spare you the details). She tried her best to coax me into participating, but, no thanks. Another odd, but perhaps related memory, was when her family was visiting for dinner and I happened to inquire of my parents where Pepper was (what I had thought was one of our pet cows) -- Pia watched with a keen eye as my folks responded that Pepper was at the table (more specifically, on the table). Pia was gracious as she taught me how to cross-country ski...a sport which I still enjoy, but seldom find the time). Life has encountered a couple of serious lows for me, but Pia still embraced me!!! Oh, and how she enjoyed cooking authentic German meals...mmm, mm, mmmmm. Witnessing her struggling these past couple of years with the onslaught declining health was difficult for me -- I should have visited more, but my presence was sparse -- however, I am glad for the times I did spend with her in these recent months. Pia will always be held close at heart and in memory. It is hoped that she is once again finding peace and comfort in her husband's arms. I love you, Sweet Lady -- thank you for being a presence in our lives....

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**Karl Strunk** - April 20, 2023 at 08:17 PM

DT

“ I loved Pia and she always called me bubbles when she'd see me. I will remember her fondly and offer my condolences to her children and grandchildren. I feel honored to have known her. ❤️

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**Dorothy J Tribley** - April 20, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pia Maria Krawciw.*



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April 20, 2023 at 01:41 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Pia Maria Krawciw.*



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April 20, 2023 at 01:31 PM



“ *Our sympathy to all of Pia's children...seems like a lifetime ago we connected, but friendship lasts with time.*  
*Bob and Donna Long*

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**Donna Long** - April 20, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pia Maria Krawciw.*



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April 20, 2023 at 10:31 AM

BS

“ Pia was a good friend to my family for the last 50 years. When I think back, some of my fondest memories are of cross country ski adventures with our husbands. In our later years I cannot see Pia without her little companion and friend, Nikki, a dachshund. Her last few years were filled with pain and disabilities which she handled bravely. Pia will be missed. I do believe she is at peace now.

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**Betty Strunk** - April 20, 2023 at 08:02 AM

SH

“ Debbie and Renee, Uts been many years since I worked at the insurance office and got to see your mom occasionally. I have never forgotten her, that accent, that smile. She was such a nice lady and always had a smile on her face.  
God be with you all thru this time and days to come.  
Sue Henry

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**Sue Henry** - April 20, 2023 at 06:54 AM