



## Theresa Patricia Howell

July 17, 1928 - June 27, 2016

Theresa Patricia Howell of Cadillac passed away Monday, June 27, 2016 at Samaritas Senior Living in Cadillac. She was 87.

She was born on July 17, 1928 in Grand Rapids to Casimir A. & Mary A. (Skrzypek) Zdybel.

Theresa attended St. Adalbert's School and graduated from Catholic Central in Grand Rapids where she had lived for many years prior to moving to Cadillac. For the last 50 years she lived in Cadillac while raising her eight children and had been employed at the Northwood Hotel and Cadillac Girl Coat and she was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church. She very much enjoyed having coffee with her daughters at Big Boy and crosscuts at Maggie's Tavern.

In her later years she learned the art of crochet and blessed many with her warm blankets. She could often be seen walking in downtown Cadillac or perhaps sitting on a bench watching the cars go by. Theresa found serenity in the city park under the trees to the sound of the beautiful fountain.

Survivors include her children: Robert (Bonnie) Matzen, David Matzen, Nicholas Matzen (Kathy Bishop), Jeff Matzen, Betty (David) Cook, Barbara R. "BÃ¢â¬â" Matzen all of Cadillac, and Mary (Joe) Geranen of Kingsley; many

grandchildren and great grandchildren, having a special bond with her first granddaughter, Laura.

In addition to her parents Theresa was preceded in death by a daughter, Angela R. (Howell) Carlton in 2015 and her special great grandbaby angels: Dakota Paige Helmboldt and Zachery Matzen.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11:00 AM Wednesday August 10, 2016 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Cadillac with Reverend Fr. Bryan Medlin as celebrant. Friends may meet the family prior to the mass at church. Her final resting place will be Richland Township Cemetery in Lucas.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children Hospital, Shriner's Hospital or the American Cancer Society. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com)

# Tribute Wall

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*Lord when you came"*

*-refrain:*

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*O Lord, in my eyes you were gazing, kindly smiling. My name you were calling. All I treasured, I have left in the sand there, close to you, I will find other seas."*

*Peace and love be with you always Mom. Love, your daughter,  
Mary*

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**Mary J. Geranen** - January 27, 2017 at 10:12 AM

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*My Mom was Pat'*

*s friend at Kirtland and then went to the Chapel with her at the Lakewiew, they held hands during the service.*

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**Denise TenHouten/Doris Budds daughter** - August 10, 2016 at 02:09 PM

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*We are sorry to hear of your mother'*

*s passing. May your mother rest in peace and you be comforted in knowing she touched many lives.*

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**The Weston Family** - August 10, 2016 at 01:05 AM

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“ I have several fond memories of my Aunt Patty. I enjoyed our visits, whether it was in Grand Rapids or when I would bring my Mom, her sister Clara, for a visit to Cadillac. I enjoyed her stories about all the landmarks and places to visit.

*You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Ellene Dauser-Lancioni** - August 02, 2016 at 11:42 AM

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“ My "Aunty Patty" was always special to me from the time I was a little girl. My sympathy to all of my cousins on the loss of their mother, my dear aunt.

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**Fran Schaak** - June 30, 2016 at 11:16 PM

KC

“ BTW, what a beautiful picture of her!

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**Kerry Claytor** - June 29, 2016 at 03:13 PM

JB

“ I enjoyed working with Pat at Mitchell Bentley. I often would go to her house and then to Maggie's for coffee. She will be missed. My thoughts are with the family especially Nick and Betty.

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**Jean Bonham** - June 29, 2016 at 08:39 AM