



## Josephine Frances Debelak

March 2, 1920 - June 29, 2016

Josephine F. Debelak, age 96, of Footville, WI, passed away on Wednesday, June 29, 2016, at St. Elizabeth Manor, Footville, WI. She was born on March 2, 1920 in Hibbing, MN, the daughter of Frank and Josephine (Mihelic) Praznik. Josephine was a lifelong resident of Traunik, MI. She married Frank Debelak in Rapid River, MI on April 25, 1936. He passed away in January of 1999. Josephine and her husband ran a poultry farm in Traunik, MI and shared the responsibilities of the Limestone Township Clerk and Deputy Clerk for 54 years. They received an award from the State of Michigan for their long-time service. Josephine is survived by 3 children; Karen (Carl) Keesey, Brodhead, WI, Larry (Jane) Debelak, Apple Valley, MN, Jim Debelak, Iron Mountain, MI; a brother, Louis (Aili) Praznik, Trenary, MI; 6 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and a great great-grandson. She was preceded in death by her husband, a granddaughter, Nicole Keesey, a son, William, in infancy, and a daughter-in-law, Micki Debelak. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, September 3, 2016, at St. Rita's Catholic Church, Trenary, MI with Father Jacek Wtyklo presiding. Burial will be in the Limestone Cemetery, Limestone, MI. A luncheon will follow services. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Slovenian Club, Traunik, MI, Agrace Hospice, Madison, WI, or St. Elizabeth's Manor, Footville, WI. The family would like to thank Agrace Hospice of Madison, St. Elizabeth Manor of Footville, for the wonderful care, and the D.L. Newcomer Funeral Home, Brodhead, WI, for their assistance. ❖



# Tribute Wall

RV

“ *My sincere sympathy to you for yet another loss for your family. Keeping you in my prayers.*

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**Rita Vickers** - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

DW

“ *A candle was lit by Don and Brenda Wahl*

*on July 2, 2016 10:02 AM*

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**Don and Brenda Wahl** - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

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“ *A candle was lit by Grand-daughter Patty and her family, Larry, Maya and Lyra*

*on July 2, 2016 7:57 PM*

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**Grand-daughter Patty and her family, Larry, Maya and Lyra** - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

MD

“ *My sincere condolences to all of Aunt Jo's family . She was a strong woman, with a gentle spirit and a lovely smile.*

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**Mary Ellen Debelak** - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

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“ *Gramma " Jo" lead a remarkable life and was a blessing to scores of people. She deserves her heavenly rest now and I send my prayers for acceptance and healing to those who remain.*

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**Shirley Moffatt ( Jane Debelak's sister )** - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

KK

“ *My deepest sympathies. I think being together this weekend as tradition will be a great tribute to her memory.*

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**Kristi Kragtorp** - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

JS

“ *A candle was lit by Joe & Vicky Shega*

*on August 25, 2016 11:14 AM*

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**Joe & Vicky Shega** - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM