



## Catherine B. Lesandrini

July 31, 1917 - March 4, 2021

Catherine B. Lesandrini, 103, of Kingsford, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at Maryhill Manor in Niagara.

Catherine was born on July 31, 1917 in Hermansville, Michigan, daughter of the late Michael Rodman and Catherine (Sudac) Rodman. She married Louis Lesandrini on July 16, 1938 at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. He preceded her in death in 2003.

Catherine took pride in her work as a wife, mother, homemaker and election worker. She was a proper, humble and gentle woman, but possessed the quiet strength of a strong Croatian woman. Catherine had an enthusiasm and appreciation for everyday life, especially those days when the sun was shining. When asked her secret to longevity, she replied, "I pray every day!" She was unconditionally loving and forgiving, and issued an edict to her family to do the same, because "people can't help who they are."

Catherine was a devout Catholic and senior member of American Martyrs Church. When she became physically unable to attend weekly Mass, she looked forward to her regular visits or phone calls from Fr. Joe.

Catherine is survived by her five grandchildren: Cathy Hartenstein, Calvin Coopman, Jr., Anita (Keith) Lyman, April (Ken) Degenauer, Allen (Diana) Schuls, Angi (John) Mellon, and Brandi (Ryan) Schomisch; 15 great-grandchildren: Jill Logsdon (Gabriel), Alex Weatherbie (Sean), Laura Smart, Kris Lyman (Kayla), Miranda (Travis) Siewert, Justin (Courtne) Degenauer, James Degenauer (Jean), Allie Martin, Domenic (Emily) Testolin, Caitlynn Testolin, Nick (Tiffany) Mellon, Jake Mellon (Alicia), Maggi Mellon, Shayleen and Ryan Schomisch, Jr.; 17 great-great-grandchildren: Taylor Logsdon, Ty Montgomery, Tucker Lyman, Owen and Landon Siewert, Jude, Jayden and Jaylee Degenauer, Simon, Romeo and Jedrek Degenauer, Oliver Martin, Alyanna Testolin, and Shylah, Zoey, Bentley and Ashlyn Mellon; brothers-in-law: Domenic "Curly" (Anna Mae, deceased) Lesandrini and Donald (Carol) Lesandrini; sisters-in-law: Betty Lesandrini and Jackie Lesandrini; several

special nieces and nephews, especially Mike (Debbie) Rodman, Mary (Mark) Murray and Mark (Bobbi Jean) Rodman; and special cousin Mary (Rudy) Rehoric.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her children, Patricia (Coopman) Sydmark and Louis Lesandrini, Jr.; sons-in-law, Calvin Coopman, Sr. and Rudolph "Bud" Sydmark; daughter-in-law, Wanda Hulce; sister, Anne (Clifford) Bianchetti; brothers, Anthony, John, Frank and Michael (Patricia) Rodman; sisters-in-law, Celeste (Adolph) Spigarelli, Adeline (Les) LaPointe, Evelyn (Donald) Tousignant, and Patricia (Edgar) Loper; brothers-in-law, Joseph "Toby", Lawrence (Ardith), Clifford (Sue), Arthur (Kay), and Robert.

A funeral mass will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, March 12th at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be at Dickinson County Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be Catherine's great-grandsons and great-great grandsons.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Maryhill Manor General Fund.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Catherine Lesandrini online at <http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com>

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

# Cemetery

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## Dickinson County Memorial Gardens

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Iron Mountain, MI,

# Events

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**MAR 12** **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

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American Martyrs Catholic Church  
908 W. Sagola Ave., Kingsford, MI, US,  
49802

# Comments

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“ Dear Kate's family,  
We wanted to send our thoughts and prayers to all of you.  
My Mom, Violet (Lehtinen), is not able to communicate using these virtual methods so I wanted to post a message on her behalf. Violet loves her "cousin Kate" so much. She has felt close to her all of her life. She enjoyed spending time with Kate, especially playing cards and visiting with her in these later years of their life. Family love is timeless.  
I also wanted to say how blessed I have been to be part of Kate's extended family. My favorite memory of Kate is her smile and gentle voice.  
We pray for God to be with you, comfort you and give you peace.  
Love, Judi and Violet

**judi bjork** - March 11 at 06:48 PM

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“ I will always remember how Auntie Kate was so happy to see our family when we visited. She made everyone feel so welcome and loved! I remember one time I was visiting with both Uncle Gege and Auntie Kate and I asked Uncle Gege the secret to their long marriage. He replied "sometimes you have to pretend you don't hear what your spouse says". They were blessed with many years of marriage so I add this advice into all my cards for those getting married.

Aunty Kate was the most forgiving, loving woman I have ever known and she touched so many lives. She was sharp as a whip and could tell Mike and I the family history like no other. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family during this difficult time. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Rest in peace Auntie Kate. We love you and will see you again some day.

Mike & Debbie Rodman

**Deb Rodman** - March 11 at 07:59 AM

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“ This is a memory shared of my 25 location neighbors, who were a great family. I lived kitty corner and remember the guys making blanket tents and sleeping outside in the summer. I think Toby was a city bus driver and would sometimes let us ride the bus without paying the dime or nickel required. It was a great neighborhood to grow up in. My sympathies to your family. Martha Nicholls Schinderle

**Martha Nicholls Schinderle** - March 10 at 09:07 PM

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“ We are truly going to miss he beautiful smile and all the love she gave to us . We love you and we know you are at peace and happy to be home. Love Cindy and Mike Meyers

**Cindy and Mike Meyers** - March 08 at 10:05 PM

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“ She was a very special lady .” So glad we had the pleasure to meet her.” May she Rest In Peace ! Sending out thoughts and prayers to her family!

**Randy and Carol Siewert** - March 08 at 08:29 PM