



## Irene M. Strozeski

December 18, 1926 - April 30, 2025

The angels sang as Irene M. Strozeski, age 98, of Port Austin, entered the gates of heaven on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 to be with her Heavenly Father and her late husband Jerome.

Irene was born on December 18, 1926 to the late Charles and Rose (Rice) Matelski. She was united in marriage to Jerome Strozeski on September 6, 1947 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dwight Township. Jerome preceded her in death on December 30, 1981.

Irene was a lifelong member of St. Michael's Catholic church in Port Austin. She left this world in the same way she lived her life, peacefully and embraced by the love of her family and the Lord. Her enduring faith gave her much comfort throughout her life.

Irene is survived by her four children: Diane (Jim) Whitenack of Port Austin, Ms. Carol Sullivan of Winter Garden, Florida, Larry (Donna) Strozeski of Port Austin, Rick (Ruth) Strozeski of Reed City. Six Grandchildren; Duane (Mary) Polega of Madison, Alabama, Jim Jr (Tonja) Whitenack of Madison, Alabama, Scott Polega (special friend, Gerise) of Davenport, Florida, Jeff Whitenack of Fillion, Michigan, Bradley Strozeski of Port Austin, Sarah (Luke) Grady of Charlotte, North Carolina, One great-grandson, Austin Strozeski of Port Austin.

She is also survived by one brother, Richard Matelski and two sisters, Mary Matelski and Michalene Champagne as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, George and Leonard Matelski, sisters, Beatrice Dobson, Marge Harris, Rita Williams, Josephine Reehl, and Delores Matelski and many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

A special thank you goes out to the dedicated staff at Huron County Medical Facility for their love and compassionate care of Irene.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 11 am at The Annunciation of the Lord Parish – St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Monday, May 5, 2025 from 3 – 7 pm at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe or Tuesday at the church from 10 am until the service time at 11 am. A scripture will be offered on Monday at 6:30 pm at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be offered to the Huron Medical Care Facility Activity Department.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Michael Cemetery

Port Austin, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 5. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kaufman & Co. Funeral Home, Inc.  
84 Westland Dr  
Bad Axe, MI 48413  
(989) 269-3000  
kaufmanfuneralhome@gmail.com

*Scripture service at 6:30 PM*

## Visitation

MAY 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Michael Catholic Church  
8661 Independence  
Port Austin, MI

## Funeral Mass

MAY 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Michael Catholic Church  
8661 Independence  
Port Austin, MI

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Best Mother-in-law EVER! I will miss having “milkshakes” (Irish Cream) with you! Put in a good word to Jesus for me. I love you* ❤️

Ruth Strozeski - May 03, 2025 at 04:50 PM

RK

“ *Ronney, Joleen, Thelma and the kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene M. Strozeski.*

Ronney, Joleen, Thelma and the kids - May 02, 2025 at 01:29 PM

RK

“ *Ronney, Joleen, Thelma and the kids purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Irene M. Strozeski.*



Ronney, Joleen, Thelma and the kids - May 02, 2025 at 01:29 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Irene M. Strozeski.*

May 02, 2025 at 10:23 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Irene M. Strozeski.*



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May 02, 2025 at 10:23 AM



“ *Sincere condolences*



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**Greg, Rhonda and Amanda Matelski** - May 02, 2025 at 07:43 AM



“ *Uncle Rick, We are so saddened to hear the news about the passing of your mother. Know that we are holding you close in our hearts, and sending all our love. May God's loving grace wash peace and comfort over your heart as you're facing such a tremendously difficult loss. We are praying for you, and we love you so much. ~Jenn, Kayden, Bretton & Amanda*

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**Jenn M** - May 01, 2025 at 08:52 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Aunt Irene's passing, such a sweet person! Our thoughts and prayers go out to the whole family. We are thinking of you all during this difficult time. With love Danny and Cheryl Kowalski and family.*



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**Cheryl Kowalski** - May 01, 2025 at 08:04 PM

BK

*Dear Larry and Donna, so sorry for your loss. May she be in God's arms forever. Love and prayers, Butch and Kathy*

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