



Agnes K. Budzynski

April 6, 1914 - October 19, 2007

Budzynski , Agnes K.

Lansing formerly of Muskegon

Born April 6, 1914 to Adam and Mary Balakavage near Wilbaux, Montana. There home was a sod house on 160 acres obtained under the Homestead Act. At age 2 the family moved to Indiana then Michigan, but returned to the homesteading and ranching on the plains of Montana during 1920-1925. Agnes's 5 year Montana experience included drought, hail, extreme winters, harvesting, round ups, chores, riding horses to school and planting time.

Late in 1925 the family moved back to Michigan near Custer, where Agnes continued a hard and difficult farm life until graduating high school. She then at age 18 entered the County Normal Program and became a teacher in a one room schoolhouse. Her chosen education profession was to last 45 years culminated in the Muskegon Mona Shores District in 1977. During those years she acquired both her Bachelors and Masters Degrees at Western Michigan University. Her love of teaching and inventive techniques for reading skills benefited countless students.

The war years found Agnes testing tank engines at Continental Motors in

Muskegon and praying for her Sweetheart Joe who was in the Pacific. Her post war years were dedicated to teaching and raising her family. She had many wonderful retirement years in Muskegon on Mona Brook, where gardening, reunions, chatting with friends and watching her grandchildren occupied her time. Her life accomplishments are truly part of "The Greatest Generation"

Agnes always had a passion for poetry. Her works were published in 2005 by her daughter Nancy in a collection titled "Little Verses from My Heart". She also authored and published a history of her parents and their difficult struggles as Lithuanian Immigrants.

Agnes was pre-deceased by her father Adam (1942), Mother Mary (1966), sister Eva (1955), sister Alice (1984), sister Frances. Her 56 years of marriage to Sweetheart Joe ended with his passing in 2000. Surviving her include her daughter Nancy (Jack) Selby of Lansing, son Roger (Maxine) Budzynski of Dimondale, grandson Gregory Budzynski of St. Louis, MO. And grandson Joseph Budzynski of Bermuda, U.K. Also surviving are sister Antoinette (Joe) Benak, brother Anthony Balakavage, Special Friends Lucille Moore, Florence Deering, Helen Budzynski, Paul & Dorothy Jankovic, Ted & Jeanie Grudzen, and Katherine Abramowski. .

Visitation will be Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2007 at 10:00am until time of Funeral Mass 11:00am at St. Michael Catholic Church 345 Edwards St. Grand Ledge, MI Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice House of Mid-Michigan. Arrangements are being handled by Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home Grand Ledge. Online condolences at www.holihanatkin.com

Tribute Wall



“ Nancy, My prayers are with you and your family in this time of loss. It was wonderful reading the story of your mother's life. She sounds like quite the woman. Her memory will live on in the myriad of lives she touched along the way. Dee (Dolores Boertman '65)
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“ Dear Nancy, Jack, Roger and Maxine OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES. WHAT GOOD MEMORIES WE SHARED WITH JOE AND AGGIE. DAILY VISIT THRU THE YARD WALKING OUR YELLOW LABS. MANY TIMES RECEIVING GIFTS OF FISH AND VEGGIES (THE BOUNTY OF THE BEST GARDEN ON MONA BROOK ROAD. WE HAD SO MANY GOOD TIMES TOGETHER, ENJOYING BIRTHDAYS CHRISTMAS AND HELPING EACH OTHER IN WHAT EVER WAY WE COULD. A SPECIAL LADY AND WE MISS HER. WE HAVE AGGIE'S "LITTLE VERSES FROM MY HEART". AND HAVE READ AND REREAD IT OFTEN. THE BEST HAVING JOE AND AGGIE AS NEIGHBORS. REST IN PEACE, AGGIE.###imported-begin###Ted and Jean Grudzien###imported-end###

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“ you brought joy and beauty back to the mona brook home; may your transition into eternity be the same! in HIS love.
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“ I read the obituary notice on the Little Lithuanian site, and decided to check on the Michigan site. Your Mother sounds so much like my own Mother, and moreso, my Grandmother, who came from Lithuania. They are/were such gentle and loving people. Sympathies to your family...and weren't you blessed to have had her? God Bless you all. Her soul is with those she loves who have gone on ahead, especially her Joe.##imported-begin##Annette##imported-end##

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“ We enjoyed knowing both Agnes and Joe. We still miss them having them as wonderful neighbors. Peace be with them both.##imported-begin##Dean, Lonnie and Andy Runk##imported-end##

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“ Dear Aunt Agnes, I will miss our quiet times shared talking about family history, gardening, reading and your love for teaching. You will always hold a special place in my heart. Love your great niece , Jo Ann##imported-begin##Jo Ann Sting##imported-end##

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“ Dear Agnes & Family My Dog Midnight and I would walk on the path next to Agnes's home on Mona Brook. Midnight and I would stop and visit with Agnes, she would be sitting on the bench on the porch. Just taking a rest for a few minutes from her garden. We would chat about gardens and family pets. When Agnes moved to her new home. Midnight would stop and look at her porch waiting for her special friend to greet her. Rest in Peace We remember you Agnes Regards, Lois Vanderlaan and Midnight

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“ My deepest sympathies to the Budzynski family. Mrs. Bud was my kindergarten teacher in 1957. I never forgot her. Talked about her often. My prayers are with her and her family.

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“ Roger, your mother was a very impressive woman. We wish we could have known her. Our condolences, Dan & Peggy

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