



Marlys M. Pozega

December 14, 1930 - November 1, 2018

Having taught all who knew her the virtues of living with joy and love, Marlys Mildred (Maki) Pozega passed into God's hands on Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018. She was 87.

Marlys married Paul Pozega on Sept. 5, 1953. They were married for 65 years. Together, they built a busy and beautiful life and raised three children: Joan Magness, Debra Osburn (Chaz), and Paul (Julie), and were blessed with eight grandchildren. All of them survive her. In eternal life she is reunited with her beloved infant son, David, who passed away in 1954, and we believe she holds him now as she did then.

Marlys was the second of four children of T. Oscar and Mildred Maki. She was born in the home in Bessemer, Mich., in which she grew up – a home she returned to often with her family to celebrate holidays, warm summer days and the joys of life in general. She graduated from A.D. Johnston High School in 1948, studied at Gogebic Community College and later earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Michigan State University. She taught in the Grand Ledge Public Schools for 26 years, and her students benefitted from her creativity, her commitment, and her firm belief that reading is the cornerstone of learning.

Marlys loved to spend summers with family in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

She loved to play cards and the occasional bingo game; loved camping at Crystal Lake; loved playing the piano, and loved it when others learned how to play, too. She loved Christmas and all that it brought: the laughter, the giving, and gathering of family together. More than anything, she loved her seven grand-daughters and her grandson: Lindsay Pierce, Alison Pierce, Jaclyn Konen (Ryan), Krista Magness, Cherie Corden, Anna Osburn, Jenna Magness, and David Pozega. From her they learned the power of unconditional love.

In addition to her husband, children, and grandchildren, Marlys is survived by her sisters, Janet Hellman (John) and Judy Smith (Ed), with whom she has shared many an adventure, as well as many nieces and nephews across several generations. She was predeceased by her brother, Roland Maki, and his wife, Donna.

A visitation is scheduled from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Nov.4, at Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, 406 N. Bridge St., Grand Ledge. Marlys will be interred at Hillcrest Cemetery in Bessemer.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

550 E. Cinnebar St.
Bessemer, MI 49911

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services
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Visitation

NOV 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

NOV 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ I fondly remember summer trips to Hurley and Bessemer and seeing Aunt Marlys and Uncle Paul. My deepest condolences to the Pozega family.
Joe DiUlio

Joe DiUlio - November 07, 2018 at 06:16 AM

KL

“ Mrs Pozega was my very first teacher when I came to the Grand Ledge district. I remember her as firm but very kind as I was adjusting to a new school in the second grade. Even many years later as an adult when I would see her in town she always remembered me and had a friendly hello and a smile. Few teachers made a lasting impression on me, but she surely did. I am sorry to hear of her passing, she will be remembered by many.

Kelly Leighty - November 03, 2018 at 08:39 PM

MW

“ Mrs. Pozega was my second grade teacher in 1976, and I have talked about her for years as my favorite teacher of all time! I fondly remember winning the Campbell soup label contest and having lunch with her at A and W as a prize. She will hold a special place in my heart forever.
Mindy (Leighty) Wood

Mindy Wood - November 03, 2018 at 05:29 PM

LH

“ To Deb and family, Your mom was such a sweet person. I remember when I went to school in the US when your mom insisted that this Canadian girl be invited to your house for Thanksgiving dinner.....so thoughtful and what a great meal she prepared. Sending sincere sympathy to your dad and the "Pozega" family. Lots of love from Canada, Lil and David Hunter

Lillian Hunter - November 03, 2018 at 02:38 PM

HH

“ Please accept the sincerest sympathy from Harriet Hallquist and her family in the "passing" of Marlys. We will always remember the friendship we all shared for over many years and treasure all the wonderful memories. Our hearts go out to all of you!

Harriet Hallquist - November 03, 2018 at 11:40 AM

MN

“ To Deb and family: I am very sorry to learn of your loss. It sounds as though your mom led a full, beautiful life. Mark Nixon

Mark Nixon - November 03, 2018 at 08:46 AM

GM

Our sympathy goes out to all of you. Marlys was a wonderful lady. She will always be remembered for her smile. GOD BLESS By Walter and Grace Maki. R.S.P.

Grace Maki - November 03, 2018 at 04:33 PM