



Cecilia F. Castelaz

October 10, 1926 - January 22, 2019

Cecilia F. Castelaz, 92, of Aurora passed away January 22, 2019. She was born the daughter of Anna and Stanley Jez on October 10, 1926.

Cecilia was born in Chicago and grew up in Roseland where she met and married John 'Jack' Castelaz. She worked at the Chicago Athletic Club for 35 years, first as a waitress and then as a hostess, a fitting occupation for Cele whose kind caring outgoing way earned the respect and love of coworkers and members alike. She was always on the move. Cele loved to travel, visiting her ancestral home of Poland, Malaysia, Taiwan and various locations throughout Europe. She loved yearly vacations to Puerto Rico with Jack. No matter where she lived, Cele made friends for life. She was never too busy to talk, listen, or help. Cele's compassion came from her faith; she never missed Mass, she always made time for prayer, and it guided her always. Cele's family was her heart. Nothing filled her heart with more joy than celebrating her own children. Her 15 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews also brought her great joy. She loved attending their activities and over time she became well known for her exuberant applause and cheering.

Cecilia is survived by her children Philomine (George) Cook, Christine (Peter) Demas, Daniel (SuHua) Castelaz, Michael Castelaz, and Mark Castelaz; sister Bernice McKay; fifteen beloved grandchildren; ten cherished great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Cecilia was preceded in death by her loving husband John J. Castelaz; grandson Joshua Cook; brothers Walter Jez and Adam Jez; sister Mary Ann Wator; and both of her parents.

Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 10:00 AM at Annunciation Church. Fr. Patrick Gillmeyer, OSB will officiate with interment at Assumption Cemetery in Wheaton. Cecilia will lie in state at Annunciation Church Saturday morning from 9:00 AM until the funeral hour at 10:00 AM. Arrangements are being handled by THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora, 630-631-5500. Please visit our website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may leave condolences for Cecilia's family.

Cemetery

Assumption Cemetery

1 S. 510 Winfield Road
Wheaton, IL, 60189

Events

JAN **In State** 09:00AM - 10:00AM

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Annunciation Church

1820 Church Road, Aurora, IL, US, 60505

JAN **Funeral Mass** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Cecilia F. Castelaz.



January 24 at 02:08 PM



“ Philomine and George; Christine and Peter; Danny and SuHua; Mike and Mark - My deepest sympathy to you and your extended families...what a great lady she was. Since I learned of her condition on Sunday, I have just been going thru all the memories and fun times and laughs we had. She was such a positive, friendly and compassionate lady. "The Dash Poem" by Linda Ellis really depicts your Mother, recited below:

. "I read of a man who stood to speak
At the funeral of a friend

But she said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years - 1926-
2019

For that dash represents all the time
That she spent alive on earth.

And now only those who loved her
Know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not how much we own;
The cars, the house, the cash,

What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend our dash.
And now only those who loved her
Know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not how much we own;
The cars, the house, the cash,

What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard.

Are there things you'd like to change?

For you never know how much time is left,
That can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough
To consider what's true and real

And always try to understand
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger,
And show appreciation more

And love the people in our lives
Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect,
And more often wear a smile

Remembering that this special dash
Might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read
With your life's actions to rehash

Would you be proud of the things they say
About how you spent your dash?"

The above is so much Cele. Cele is now at peace and reunited with her loving
Husband, Jack. Godspeed



Bonnie - January 23 at 07:50 PM



“ Bonnie Roth/Connie Roth purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of Cecilia F. Castelaz.



Bonnie Roth/Connie Roth - January 23 at 12:14 PM



“ I am sorry to hear the news of a good friend and neighbor - not to mention who I always called my 2nd mom. I just talked with her about a month or so ago and we laughed so hard at the times we had in Puerto Rico/Las Vegas/San Antonio and working at the coffee shop, happy times and laughing times. She remembered every detail and during our visit even reminded me of situations that I had forgotten. She is now with her beloved Jack in heaven. She will be truly truly missed, as she had such an infectious laugh and had such a positive attitude for life. I will hold on to those good times.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7

You can all have the memories of your mother to always to be a happy one. The whole family will be in my prayers. Thanks so very much for letting me know.

Connie Roth - January 23 at 12:07 PM