



Tekla Makuch Pelesz

April 22, 1932 - March 13, 2014

Tekla Makuch Pelesz, 81, of Hudson, NY died peacefully at Whittier on Thursday March 13, 2014.

She was born on April 22, 1932 in Krakow, Poland to Emilian and Julia Makuch. She had three brothers, John, Simon and Peter. She married Harry Pelesz on November 12, 1950. They moved to the United States in 1963 and settled in Hudson, NY to raise their family. She worked as a seamstress most of her life and retired in 2005 from Emsig Manufacturing Corp.

She and Harry were avid gardeners and enjoyed growing beautiful roses and dahlias, as well as an abundance of fresh vegetables especially garlic, tomatoes and cucumbers. She enjoyed sewing and also enjoyed cooking for her family and friends, especially traditional Polish favorites like pierogies and galumpkis. She was happiest when surrounded by her husband, children and grandchildren at the dinner table.

She was proud of her Ukrainian heritage and shared the traditions with her family. Many of them, such as the celebration of "Little Christmas" or the Epiphany are still lovingly celebrated by her family now. She had a strong faith and remained very active in her local church, Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church.

She was predeceased by Harry, her husband of nearly 50 years, three brothers, and beloved grandson Brett Pelesz.

She is survived by three sons and daughters in law: John and Nancy (Davidson) Pelesz of Poughkeepsie, NY, Peter and Ann (Lezette) Pelesz of Livingston, NY and Daniel and Jennifer (Nabozny) Pelesz of Valatie, NY, grandchildren Melissa Chan of Rochester, NY, Kimberly Zeleznik of Poughkeepsie, NY, Stacy Pelesz of Hawthorne, NJ, Nicholas and Christopher Pelesz of Valatie, NY, four beautiful great-granddaughters, Aurora, Analiese and Adelynn Chan and Josephine Zeleznik, niece Deborah Peles of Claverack, NY, and nephew Stephen Peles of CT.

Calling hours are Tuesday evening from 6-8 pm at Bates and Anderson Funeral Home.

A funeral mass will be celebrated on Wednesday morning at 10 am at St. Nicholas Church, Hudson, NY.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, 206 Union St, Hudson, NY, 12534.