



Alma Jean Zima

November 10, 1936 - May 1, 2023

On May 1st, 2023, Alma Jean (Duda) Zima, 86, of West Newton, passed peacefully at home surrounded by her family. She was a friend to everyone she met; a kind and gentle soul who always put others before herself. She was born November 10, 1936, in Naomi and is the daughter of the late Nick and Helen (Duda) Rapsack. She was a member of Holy Family Church in West Newton.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Joseph Zima; her four children Cheryl McClain, JoAnne (Ed) Geshinsky, Karen Zima (Ron Long) and Joseph Jr (Christe) Zima; her seven grandchildren Melanie (Paul), Sarah, Allison, Jill, Jamie, Julie, and Joseph III, her two step-grandchildren Matt and Eddie, and one great-grandson Clay; her three brothers Nick (Mandy) Rapsack, Terry (Dawna) Rapsack and Martin Rapsack and one sister Kathy Rapsack, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Her greatest joy was being “Granny” to her grandchildren for 35 years. She spent most of her “Granny” years helping to raise and nurture her grandkids and teach them how to keep their Polish heritage strong with holiday traditions and food preparations. She was a fantastic sewer, baker, cook, gardener and craftswoman, and she loved passing her skills onto her children and grandchildren. She liked building puzzles and watching, feeding and learning about birds. She delighted in growing flowers and watching the changing colors of crops and hay fields growing on the family farm.

Special thanks to the caregivers from OSPTA therapy, home health and

hospice for their kindness and care over the past year. Per Alma's wishes, there will be no public viewing. Family and friends will be received on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 10 A.M. for a funeral mass at Holy Family Church, 225 North Second Street, West Newton with Father Dave Nazimek as celebrant. Everyone is invited to a reception in the church hall following mass. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Holy Family Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon. 724-929-5300. www.FergusonFuneralHomeandCrematory.com.

Cemetery Details

West Newton Cemetery

210 Vernon Drive
West Newton, PA 15089

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

MAY 15. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Church
225 North Second Street
West Newton, PA 15089

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Alma was the first neighbor to visit when I moved to Plummer School Road in 1966. She came to my door carrying Joey, who was about 3 months old, and her three bashful daughters hiding behind her. My daughter, Diane, was a month old and had colic and cried constantly. Alma was a breath of fresh air to me and we became very good friends during our childrens growing years. She was a wonderful friend and we shared many wonderful crafts, etc. together and she even taught me how to find mushrooms that were safe to eat. The world lost a wonderful person and I lost a very old friend. Prayers and sympathy to Joe and family.

Mary Lou Simon - May 14, 2023 at 07:19 PM

KW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Alma's passing. I will miss our talks while she sat in my salon. She was so proud of her kids and grandchildren!! So proud that they learned to cook, sew, and take care of animals. She was such a kind, sweet soul and will be greatly missed. Karen Weigle

KAREN WEIGLE - May 05, 2023 at 01:02 PM

RG

“ ALMA WAS VERY SPECIAL TO ME I KEPT IN TOUCH WITH HER WHEN I RETIRED FROM GIANT EAGLE. HER LAUGH WAS CONTAGEOUS. SHE LOVED HER FAMILY MORE THAN ANYTHING. WHEN WE WERE DONE COBVERSING I WOULD SAY "I LOVE U, LADY" SHE WOULD SAY "I LOVE U BACK". HAVE PEACE, ALMA. I LOVE YOU LADY.

ROSE GUERRA - May 04, 2023 at 03:45 PM

VG

“ She was a wonderful neighbor and friend ! I will always consider the Zima's my family.
I will miss our "old hens" parties and everything about her..She was blessed with a wonderful family who were there for her in her time of need. Fly with the angels my friend !❤️

Verna George - May 03, 2023 at 04:03 PM