



Mrs. Sylvia M. Golka

April 14, 1923 - September 27, 2014

Mrs. Sylvia Marie (Heltunen) Golka, 91, formerly of 4 Columbia St. Adams, died early Saturday morning, September 27, 2014, at Williamstown Commons.

She was born in Aura, Michigan on April 14, 1923, a daughter of the late John and Ida (Palosaari) Heltunen. She attended schools in Michigan, and graduated from Pequaming (MI) High School with the Class of 1941.

Sylvia was a Veteran of World War II, serving with the US Navy WAVES in Washington, DC from 1944 until her Honorable Discharge in 1946. She had lived in Adams since 1948.

Mrs. Golka was primarily a homemaker, but had worked at the former Waverly Fabrics in Adams for several years until retiring in 1984.

She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Pittsfield.

Her husband, Frank Golka, whom she married on June 26, 1948, died on October 12, 1984.

She is survived by 2 sons, Neil Golka of Bremerton, WA and Keith Golka of Bennington, VT;

a daughter, Lynne Nowicki of Adams;

2 brothers, Ralph Heltunen of Detroit, MI, and Paul Heltunen of Florida;

2 Sisters, Anna Severance of Sutton's Bay, MI, and Phyllis Rogers of Aiken, SC;

4 grandchildren, 1 great granddaughter, and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

She was predeceased by 4 brothers, Arnold, John, Edwin, and Herman Heltunen; and by 2 sisters, Verna Drummond and Adele Heltunen.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 30th, at 11:00 AM in Zion Lutheran Church, 74 First St. Pittsfield.

Burial will follow in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams.

Calling hours at the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, are Monday from 5 to 7 PM.

Memorial donations may be made to the Williamstown Commons Patient Activities Fund, 25 Adams Rd. Williamstown, MA 01267; or to the First Baptist Church, 15 Commercial St. Adams, MA 01220.

To leave a message of condolence, please go online to www.paciorekfuneral.com

Tribute Wall

JP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. May your memories bring you comfort.*

Jerilyn Crowley Perry - June 07, 2018 at 12:12 PM

KS

“ *Kieth; Sending you and your family my prayers. Sorry for the lost of your mother. She was a very pleasant women. She is with your dad now...may she rest in peace. Kathy Staples*

Kathy Staples - June 07, 2018 at 12:12 PM

JR

“ *To the family of Sylvia Golka: We are so sorry for your loss. Sylvia was a great lady. She was always cheerful, smiling and fun when my father, Roy Bugbee, (who was also a resident of Williamstown Commons) visited with her there. My mother (Agnes Bugbee) saw her nearly every week at Adams First Baptist Church. She will be missed.*

Jill Rand - June 07, 2018 at 12:12 PM

BF

“ *Sorry to hear of your mother's passing Keith my prayers are with you.*

Bruce Felix - June 07, 2018 at 12:12 PM

KB

“ Sylvia, as John and I take rides I will always here you laughter and see your smile, you were John's second "MOM" and he will miss you so very much. I will make sure I look out when traveling to see the view of the mountains and remember how you loved the mountains. I will truly miss your smile and laughter. But you will always be with us Miss Sylvia my dear loving friend and mom. I love you Kathie

Kathie Barrett - June 07, 2018 at 12:12 PM

TW

“ to Sylvia's family - I am very sorry for your loss my thoughts are with you. I always enjoyed being with her.

Tina Waterhouse - June 07, 2018 at 12:12 PM

DW

“ Lynne and family-My thoughts and prayers are with you. i am so sorry for your loss.

Dot Wandrei - June 07, 2018 at 12:11 PM

TO

“ Dear Family,I just heard of your mother's passing as I am now living in Manchester, NH. When I was living at Adams Housing, she and I were very, very good friends. I have so many fond, loving memories of the many things we did together. She was such a kind and wonderful friend.

Tina Oparowski - June 07, 2018 at 12:11 PM

BH

“ Hi grandma golka, its your granddaughter Barbara. Im sorry i never got the chance to know you, but i am blessed to have had the chance to be in your presence. I love you, and i know you are in a better place. Rest well

Barbara hamilton - June 07, 2018 at 12:11 PM

NK

“ My sincere sympathy to her family. Especially her daughter Lynn who I have known for many years . I am sure she will have everyone in heaven be intertaine with her gift of laughter and humor. She will be sadly missed, my dear friend.

Nancy Kordana - October 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM