



Estelle Rose McCauley

February 1, 1922 - January 6, 2021

Estelle Rose McCauley, long time resident of Norwalk, CT, peacefully went to the Lord to be with her precious husband on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, the Feast of Three Kings. Her loving daughter was by her side. She was born Stanislaw Bogdanska on February 1, 1922 in Stamford, CT to the late Boleslaw and Rozalia Bogdanski.

Estelle was predeceased by her beloved husband, George W. McCauley, and her two special brothers, Michael and John Bogdanski. She was also predeceased by sisters-in-law, Nancy Bogdanski, Vera McCauley and Marjorie Keppie and brothers-in law, Robert McCauley and Charles Keppie as well as nephews, Robert and Peter McCauley.

She is survived by her devoted daughter, Elizabeth McCauley and nieces and nephews; Michael Bogdanski, Michelle Morin (goddaughter), Melanie Patchett), Steven, Keith, Jeffrey, Marjorie and Kenneth Keppie and Dennis McCauley, Maureen Whelan and Madeline Callahan as well as 27 great nieces and nephews and 32 great-great nieces and nephews, her godson, Thomas Majdanski, brother-in-law, John McCauley Jr., and many cousins in the U.S. and Poland all of whom she loved with all her heart.

Estelle was a lifetime communicant of the beautiful, Polish Holy Name of Jesus Church and loved her parish family dearly, participating over the years

in various organizations such as Solidarity of Mary, Rosary Society, Pulaski Parade, Dozynki Committees and many church functions. She had a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother and the Holy Spirit who guided her life.

She graduated from Holy Name of Jesus School, Stamford High School and attended Shorts Business School. Mom was the School Secretary at Holy Name of Jesus School but was so much more to the entire school community where she worked closely with the Bernadine Sisters for 26 years until the School's closing. She often reminisced with hometown nostalgia of her earlier jobs at W.T. Grant's, Northam Warren, Schick's, Electric Specialty Company (where she met George), Luder's historic Boat Yard and Pitney Bowes. One of these roles made her a contributor to the wartime initiatives that could be likened to "Rosie the Riveter" where she worked on armatures that became part of the landing gear in WWII planes which helped to win the war, and of that she was immensely proud. After the war when dad returned from Naval duty in the South Pacific, they married in Stamford, CT. Most recently, mom was part of a neighborhood activist group for historic preservation in the South End of Stamford and provided inspiration for various causes attending town hall meetings well into her late 90's.

Estelle was a gracious woman who lived her life as the gift God meant it to be, devoted to family who she cherished and adored as they did her. It was her deep faith and trust in the Lord that gave her strength, meaning and inner peace throughout her life. She gave her love, support and enthusiasm as a daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt/cioci and friend. She was a gentle soul with her beautiful blue eyes bringing grace, charm, kindness, energy, a spirited sense of humor and a smile to all who knew her. Known to speak her mind and offer life lessons with a strong will, Mom could always be counted on to think outside of the box bringing a new dimension to the solution of problems or challenges.

In her younger years, she delighted in ballroom dancing to the live Big Bands, polka dancing and especially enjoyed classical piano music. She was always up for adventures and escapades, fairs, festivals, theatre, shows, casinos, parades and birthday dinners with her daughter traveling to many places in the United States from Maine to Florida, New York to California, Hawaii, Canada, Europe and the Caribbean with favorite highlights being events such as Rose Bowl Parade, Epcot Flower Show, Kentucky Derby, Pilgrim Parade, Quebec City Winter Carnival and especially her mother's family home in Szczuczyn, Poland along with the 600th Commemorative Teutonic Battle of Grunewald. Estelle loved sewing, crocheting, embroidering, growing vegetables and flowers in her garden and cooking and baking, known for her signature Apple and Lemon Meringue Pies when celebrating holidays with her close and cherished family.

Mom and I often said to one another, "It's good to be home, isn't it?" . . . and now, mom, you are in your eternal home in God's loving arms. Her light will shine as brightly as the Christmas star all the days of our lives until we meet with her loving gaze again. Our special angel, my amazing, remarkable, loving mom, a true blessing, will be dearly missed.

Please consider making a donation in her memory to the: Holy Name of Jesus Restoration Fund, 4 Pulaski Street, Stamford, CT 06902.

Her family welcomes all friends and relatives on Tuesday, January 12th from 4pm to 8pm at Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue in Stamford, CT. There will be a Prayer Service at 6:15pm that will be live streamed, for family and friends to join virtually. To attend, please select "webcast video" on Estelle's obituary at www.bosakfuneralhome.com.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10am on Wednesday, January

13th at the Holy Name of Jesus Church, 325 Washington Blvd, in Stamford.
To attend virtually, please go to the church YouTube channel where livestream
will be available, here is the link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4bnXg6MNeo4yOgy32D9ISQ>

Her interment will follow at St. John's Cemetery in Darien, CT.

In compliance with state mandates and the safety of all those attending her
funeral services, it is mandatory to wear face coverings and maintain social
distancing.

If you would like to leave a condolence message online please visit the family
guestbook to share memories with her family at www.bosakfuneralhome.com
or www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome.

Cemetery Details

St. John R.C. Cemetery - Darien

25 Camp Avenue
Darien, CT 06820
(203) 322-0455
http://www.ctgenweb.org/county/cofairfield/pages/cemetery/cm_darien/stjohn1.htm

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home
453 Shippan Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902
(203) 325-9300
<https://www.bosakfuneralhome.com/>

Prayer Service (Live Streamed)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Name of Jesus Parish
325 Washington Blvd.
Stamford, CT 06902
(203) 363-0381
info@holynamestamford.org
<http://www.holynamestamford.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Bosak Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Estelle Rose McCauley*



Bosak Funeral Home - January 10, 2021 at 08:00 PM

TK

“ *Our deepest condolences. We always had such good times when your Mom visited.
You are in our thoughts and prayers Elizabeth.*

Love, Tina Keppie and Linda and Floyd Johnson

Tina Keppie - January 13, 2021 at 07:56 PM

SH

“ Dear Liz,

I am so very sorry for your loss. She was your mom, your best friend, partner in fun, games and travel. I cannot begin to even imagine your pain and the loss you must be feeling. Your mom was such a very special person. She was always so kind to me. I'll always have the fondest memories of helping her make her garden so many years ago. She was so happy to have it done and kept it up so well. I always thought of her as a friend and I will always cherish the times and chats I had with her over the years. May she now rest in heavenly peace. We are with you in prayer. If there is anything you ever need you know you will always have a friend here. God bless, an Amen.

Stephen L Horvath & Family

Stephen Horvath - January 13, 2021 at 12:43 PM

DP

“ Dear Liz,

I extend to you my deepest sympathies for the loss of your dear mom. She will always be remembered by so many whom she touched ever so gently and with warmth. I hold you and her in my heart at this great time of loss and grief.

Danielle Pepin

Danielle Pepin - January 13, 2021 at 10:58 AM

AS

“ Elizabeth, please accept my sincere condolences for your mother's loss. May you be comforted by the love and support of the Lord, your family and friends. I am glad Estelle enjoyed my homemade Christmas cards you opened and viewed together for so many years. I will be glad to be of any help and assistance. - Albert Semaan

Albert Semaan - January 12, 2021 at 09:37 PM

CF

“ Elizabeth I am so sorry about the loss of you beloved Mom, your phenomenal sidekick and wonderful traveling companion in all of your amazing adventures around the world. Mothers believe in us more than we believe in ourselves and your Mom offered wisdom, friendship, affection and love. May she rest in peace and be with your Dad now. I am here for you. Yes, I am your ANY_HOUR_OF_THE_DAY friend. So feel free to call me anytime. I am here for you. Love you Elizabeth, Carolynne Fromme

Carolynne Fromme - January 12, 2021 at 06:46 PM

CV

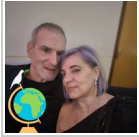
“ Liz, I am so sorry for the loss of your mom, a treasure. She was always so kind and gentle at every encounter I had with her -- she seemed to me to be an angel on earth. My deepest sympathies to you and your family. Love, Caroline

Caroline Vallone - January 12, 2021 at 06:39 PM

JO

“ I will truly miss Mrs. McCauley, her words of wisdom and laughter. Our Mom and daughter's trips were so full of fun and adventures. Rest In Peace, Love, JoAnn

JoAnn - January 12, 2021 at 06:18 PM



“ Liz we are so sorry for your loss. I only have fond memories of your mom all through my Holy Name days and at all our family gatherings. She was such a blessing to my life and a pleasure to be around always speaking kind words to lift people up. She will be missed but a beautiful addition at heavens gates.. I pray you find peace in knowing that.
Love ya Liz...Melissa Cerulli



Melissa Cerulli - January 12, 2021 at 05:19 PM

PC

“ May our Lord Jesus Christ welcome Mrs. McCauley into Paradise with open arms. Mrs. McCauley served as the diligent, friendly school secretary for decades at Holy Name School, offering a warm smile and reassuring warmth to thousands of young students over the years. She was a kind, good-hearted, and devout woman. Certainly another saint resides in heaven today and enjoys her eternal reward.
Comfort and blessing to her family and friends.
Mrs. McCauley lived a full life, knowing, loving, and serving the Lord.
God bless.

Paul Cal - January 12, 2021 at 05:16 PM

TM

“ Elizabeth and family, wanted to send my thoughts and condolences. What a wonderful remembrance of her. I was inspired reading all her accomplishments, which I'm sure were merely a sampling. What wonderful travels you all enjoyed and I'm sure all hold wonderful stories. I'm grateful to have been even a small part of the story. I know she is going to be missed.
Tammy McCauley

Tammy McCauley - January 12, 2021 at 11:39 AM

RP

“ Elizabeth : My deepest condolences. No matter what their age or state of health, we are never prepared for the passing of a mother. For it is our mother's who shape us, guide us and make us who we are. You should take comfort in that she had such a long and full life. Rudy Polanski

Rudy Polanski - January 11, 2021 at 08:44 PM

DR

“ Sending my condolences to Elizabeth and family. Elizabeth - you took such good care of her and I remember seeing her with you around town over the past 10 years. May you feel comfort and peace knowing that she had a long, fulfilling life.

Diane V Reiter - January 11, 2021 at 03:41 PM

JF

“ I am sorry to hear about this sad news about her passing. She loved to do a lot of things that I also have fun doing, like the Polka. I also attend Holy Name of Jesus Church, but in Stratford, CT. She will be in my prayers.
Love, Joan Flannery and family

Joan Flannery - January 10, 2021 at 03:14 PM

JD

“ Elizabeth and extended family, I am deeply saddened to hear this news of the lost of your mother. Your mother was always so graceful and kind to me. This is such a great lost. Love Joyce Gumkowski Davis family. Your cousin

Joyce Davis - January 10, 2021 at 08:45 AM

MF

“ When Elizabeth (her daughter and my 3rd cousin) and I were in the Pulaski day parades, Estelle was always there with my Dad and Mom (Edward and Luverta Gumkowski) helping us get ready to go on the floats, or doing our presentations at the local events and dances at Holy Name of Jesus church in Stamford Ct, and surrounding cities. We were always laughing and her beautiful smile was always there. My Aunt Jean Lapcynski and Estelle would always talk about sewing and new polish costumes. When Holy Name of Jesus Church hosted the table at the Town Block party in downtown Stamford;(which we all helped either cooked or served in our traditional polish dress) Estelle was always there helping serve the people of Stamford that came to our table. I will miss her smile most all. Rest well (second mom) and we will see you when we see you. God Bless.



Marylou Gumkowski Fallo and family - Frank, Mike, Ron & Stacy and the grandkids.

Marylou Fallo - January 10, 2021 at 04:07 AM

JV

“ *Estelle was a vibrant and loving person, always smiling, happy and excited to share her latest adventure! You will be so deeply missed. You are in God’s loving embrace now dearest Estelle. Love, The Vaccaro Family*

Janet Vaccaro - January 09, 2021 at 05:54 PM