



Josephine Mockaitis

January 25, 1923 - August 9, 2018

Josephine (Paterabas) Mockaitis, born January 25, 1923 in Chicago, Illinois of Lithuanian immigrant parents, Joseph and Frances (Balcunas) Paterabas, passed away at her home surrounded by family on August 9th. Though an only child, she was embraced by many cousins who treated her like a sister. She was an intelligent and active young woman and the Catholic faith of her parents and other relatives developed a love for the Church and her Lithuanian heritage. After her early life in Chicago, she enrolled in St. Mary of the Woods College in Indiana. Upon graduation she served in social work and later for a short time as a translator with the FBI for immigrants seeking asylum in Chicago. In 1946 she married Peter Mockaitis, likewise of Chicago. Over the course of 50 years of marriage she became known as an eager and generous volunteer in Catholic schools, hospital visitation, food distribution, Right to Life causes and a variety of other areas. Her love for family, music, art, history, travel and the Church made her known and loved as a compassionate and generous woman. Upon moving from Chicago to Bend, OR in 1984, she and her husband Peter also became involved at St. Francis Church, St. Vincent De Paul and St. Charles hospital. Yet, despite her community involvement, the role she valued most, was that of wife and mother. She was a warm, enormously hospitable, and nurturing woman. She is survived by four of her children: Fr. Timothy Mockaitis (Salem, OR), Michael (& Valerie) Mockaitis (Chicago, IL), James Mockaitis (Bend, OR.), and daughter Katherine (& James) Chapel (Bend, OR). Included are six

grandchildren, Michael and Joseph Mockaitis, Alexander and Grace Mockaitis, James and Robert Chapel. She is preceded in death by her husband, Ignatius Peter in 1996 and her son, Stephen in 2008. Her Mass of Christian burial will be held at the historic St. Francis of Assisi Church in downtown Bend on August 14th (9:30a.m. rosary), 10am Mass. Memorial Contributions may be made to Oregon Right to Life, St. Vincent De Paul, or St. Francis Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home, Bend. Please visit the online registry for Josephine at www.niswonger-reynolds.com.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home

105 NW Irving Ave

Bend, OR

US 97701

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Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery - May 18, 2023 at 02:35 PM

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“ *Josephine Mockaitis*

Funeral Home Owner - August 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I'm so sorry to hear that your mother passed away. She was a good friend*

Lorraine Pospisil - December 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our condolences. Can imagine your grief in the loss of a dear mother and friend. May you be filled with warm memories.*

Jim Moran, Ellie Musgrove - August 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Josephine Mockaitis. May you find comfort in your loving memories, and in God's promise to soon "swallow up death forever" and "wipe away the tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25;8) With deepest sympathy,*

V. Thompson - August 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM