



## Eleanor Renee Rzepecki

June 4, 1930 - June 2, 2020

Eleanor Rzepecki(Chlebowski) died peacefully on June 3, 2020, one day short of her 90th birthday in Novi, Michigan. She is the beloved wife of Arnold Rzepecki, loving mother to Paul Rzepecki(Meg Taylor) and proud grandmother to Allison Rzepecki.

All her life she worked in Public Health Administration in various counties of Southeast Michigan and retired from Washtenaw County Health Department. She was a longtime member of the Oakland County Mental Health Authority, leaving her position in the last year.

She was very involved in both civic and church life, being a longtime member of Holy Family Parish in Novi, MI. She will be deeply missed by her family and all of her many friends.

Visitation Saturday, June 6, from 5-8pm and Sunday June 7, from 1-4pm at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi, MI 248-348-1800. Funeral liturgy Monday, June 8, at 10:30am at Church of the Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi

There is visitation with a limit of 10 people at any one time at the funeral home and church. A mask must be worn at the O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home and Holy Family Catholic Church. Thank you.

# Cemetery

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## St. Hedwig Cemetery

23755 Military Rd.

Dearborn Heights, MI, 48127

# Events

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**JUN** **Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home

41555 Grand River Avenue, Novi, MI, US, 48375

**JUN** **Visitation** 01:00PM - 04:00PM

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**JUN** **Liturgy** 10:30AM

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Holy Family Church

24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI, US

# Comments

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“ Dear Arnold, I'm sorry for your loss. I was always happy to visit with you and Eleanor at the various events at SHS over the course of many years. Eleanor was such a friendly and pleasant person that it was so easy to converse with her. I could see that the two of you were loving and faithful partners She will be missed. I will give her a tender burial in my heart and memories. Now that she is THERE a good part of you is already THERE. I will offer Mass this Sunday for her and the family. With love and best wishes.

Richard Osebold

Richard Osebold - June 10 at 11:43 AM

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“ Dear Mr Rzepecki, please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your wife. Though it has been many, many years since I attended the seminary, I have many wonderful memories of my time there. I will keep you and Eleanor in my prayers.

Steve Ugorowski

Stephen Ugorowski - June 08 at 08:16 AM

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“ Dear Arnold,

I am among those who got to know Ellie by means of the joy reflected in you...and the times that the two of you would show up at events at Sacred Heart Seminary. As a student of yours so many years ago in the 'Sixties, I always admired your kindness and desire to see the best in everyone. Please know that you are surrounded by those whom you and Ellie have loved and cared for.... May she live in peace, and may you and your family live in the confidence of sharing her life in the Lord. It is an honor and privilege to share her Funeral Mass today.

Gratefully,

Bishop Don Hanchon

Bishop Don Hanchon - June 08 at 08:14 AM

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“ We want to extend our sympathy to Arnold,Paul,and Allison on Eleanor's passing. The Rzepeckis were our good neighbors when we lived near them in Rosedale Park.Eleanor was always kind and thoughtful with a sunny smile. We will keep you in our prayers as you deal with your loss.

Ron and Alicia Kowalski  
Steve and Sue

Ron & Alicia Kowalski - June 07 at 08:00 PM

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“ Dear Arnie,

I only met Eleanor a few times but always found her engaging and a marvelous support for you. Connie, my wife, and I send our condolences and a pledge our prayers for her, you and your family. Because of Covid and our advanced age we will not be able to attend her final Mass. We will be there in spirit.

Tom Hinsberg - June 07 at 01:29 PM

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“ Dear Arnie,

John and I are so sorry to hear about Ellie's passing. We had many wonderful memories with you and Ellie at the Berkshire!! She was very special to us. You are in our thoughts and prayers

John and Paula Sturgis

Paula Sturgis - June 07 at 12:38 PM

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“ Dear Arnie, Terry and I enjoyed our time with you and Ellie very much. I wish we could have become better friends sooner. We took our friendship to FI where we shared fun in the sun. I was so happy when just last year we took that trip down memory lane and thank God we found the chocolate alligators. Ellie was intelligent, interesting and kind. I will remember her fondly. Arnie, Terry and I are here for you. Our Sincere Sympathy. Love, Terry and Diane

Diane and Terry Jolly - June 07 at 10:33 AM

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“ My very sincere condolences to Arnold Rzepecki. I was a student at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit in the 1960s. - John A. Dick

John A. Dick - June 07 at 04:19 AM

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“ Dear Arnie,

My children and I are sad to hear of Ellie's passing. We shared so many wonderful years being your next door neighbor at the Berkshire. Our hearts go out to you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Phyllis DeGiulio and family

**Phyllis DeGiulio** - June 06 at 09:53 PM

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“ Dear Arnold,

I was truly saddened to hear of Eleanor's passing. We worked together for over 15 years on the Oakland Community Health Network Board. She was a kind, caring thoughtful person who understood the importance of giving back to her community. My heart goes out to you and your family.

Affectionately,

Bettye Arrington-Martin

**Bettye Arrington-Martin** - June 06 at 05:59 PM

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“ Dear Arnold,

It was always wonderful when Eleanor would accompany you to Seminary functions and we, your students, could get to know her. She was a very classy and caring presence throughout the years and I want you to know of my sincere sympathy and prayers for you and for your family.

In the Risen Jesus,

Fr. Mike Verschaeve  
St. Joseph, Lake Orion

**C. Michael Verschaeve** - June 06 at 02:24 PM

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“ My time with Eleanor goes back to when we both lived on the easy side of Detroit. Her energy and enthusiasm for life was amazing. We laughed at her attempt to make Saki in the quiet of her upper flat and her belief that that last gallon of gas would last long enough to make it home. We reconnected years later when I worked for Royal Oak schools and I loved hearing of her joy and happiness with her husband and son.

A remarkable woman.  
Kris Hanstrom

**Kris Hanstrom** - June 06 at 02:13 PM

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“ Hugh and I wish for everyone to know what a caring, kind and strong advocate Eleanor...husband Arnold too...have been all their lives, particularly advocating for people who have no voice; the developmentally challenged community as well as the mentally ill.

Hugh appointed Eleanor several years ago, to serve on the Oakland County Mental Health Authority, where she served with distinction and action.

Eleanor's life has been totally used to serve others and Novi was so fortunate to have this wonderful amazing woman in our community. She will be missed, without a doubt.

**Kathy & Hugh Crawford** - June 06 at 10:55 AM

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“ We are so sad to hear of Ellie's Death. We love her and will miss her so much. God comfort you  
Arnie.

**Lucy and Henry Knapp** - June 05 at 07:55 PM

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“ Eleanor was a wonderful caring woman. I enjoyed working with her on the CMH Board these last 17 years. I have missed her presence since she retired last year. Shelley and I send our most sincere condolences to Arnie and the rest of her family.

Steve Taub

**Steffan Taub** - June 05 at 09:38 AM

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“ I am saddened to learn of Eleanor's death. I am praying for peace and strength for Arnold and the entire family. I appreciated her friendship, leadership and guidance during our service to Oakland Community Mental Health Authority. She was also so supportive of efforts to improve the lives of those we serve. Thank you Eleanor

**Jeff Brown** - June 05 at 03:46 PM

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“ Arnie, Kathy & I we're so surprised & saddened to hear of Ellie's passing. We will miss her warm & caring friendship. We have lost another of our Italy travelers. It was a true pleasure & treasure to have shared that trip with you both. As people of faith, we know she is looking down with love & protection for you & the family. It pains us that we can't be with you at this time..We're in Wyoming with Martina who also sends her love & prayers.We will talk with you soon our friend. God bless....

**Rick Lombardi** - June 04 at 11:53 AM

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“ Ellie was a woman I admired so much. Her marriage was inspiring and the love her and Arnie shared was a joy to see. She was a great friend who was always interested to hear what was going on in our lives with true and heartfelt concern. I enjoyed our visits and will always remember Ellie's bright smile. I will miss her so much. One fond memories was many years ago going raspberry picking and then to Tuscan Grille in Northville for coffee and a desert. We always enjoyed her jams or pickle relish too. God gave me a good friend and for that I am forever grateful

**Laura Foley** - June 03 at 09:53 PM



“ Ellie will always live on in the Kindnesses she shared and the Love she brought into our lives. I treasure our phone conversations and the Wonderful advice you gave me! You were a Blessing to me...Thank You

**Kathy McGuffin** - June 04 at 06:47 PM



“ We were saddened to hear of our cousin's passing. Although we lived a great distance apart, we saw each other at weddings graduations, and other family events. She always expressed sincere interest in our lives. She will be missed.

**Randy and Diane Fitch** - June 05 at 12:00 PM



“ We shared many winter months on the beach in FL. Our dinners together there were great also. Our medical/healthcare interests overlapped and our talks/sharing always inspired and informed me. Ellie, you will be missed.

-Rosalie Kaye

**Rosalie Kaye** - June 05 at 12:28 PM



“ We will SO miss having Ellie in our earthly lives.....she brought a sense of caring and thoughtfulness thru her cards and calls.....we shared articles and health news to ensure we would keep each other going as long as possible.....the time I spent with Ellie as part of the Holy Family ACCENT ON WOMEN team where her contributions of time, delicious food, and willingness to help schedule the many programs we offered was integral.....and the MANY memorable meals we shared and discussions we had on practically every topic imaginable. BUT, we will continue our times together, Arnie, with meals and conversations on FAITH, FAMILY and FUN and ALWAYS leave a spot for Ellie at the table. Pam/George

**Pam & George Wright** - June 06 at 02:02 PM



“ Dear Arnie, Terry and I have truly enjoyed our time together with you and Ellie. She was intelligent, interesting and kind. These past few years we took our friendship to Florida. I am so happy that this past year we took a trip down memory lane and thank God we found the chocolate alligators. I will always remember her beautiful smile. We are here for you Arnie. Terry/Diane

**Diane and Terry Jolly** - June 07 at 12:25 AM



“ Dear Arnie and family,

I was very sad to read Eleanor's obituary.

She was such a lovely person! I remember working with you and her on so many Park Players shows and so many NRPCA

events and projects. Those were the "Good Old Days!". You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Eleanor was a wonderful woman. She will be missed by many. My love to all of you.

Marcia Closson

**Marcia Closson** - June 07 at 01:15 PM