



## **Genevieve “Genny” Jane Whittaker**

### **1935 – 2025**

Genny Whittaker passed peacefully at her Walloon Lake home on the evening of September 10, 2025, held by the love she spent a lifetime giving. Her 90 years were marked by quiet devotion—years filled with family, friendship, and the kind of steady care that asked for nothing in return.

She was the cherished wife of Dean Whittaker, and a loving mother to Steve (Karen) Whittaker, Phil (Esther) Whittaker, and Julie (Charlie) Stratton. She delighted in her grandchildren—Stephen (Sisle) Whittaker, Steffany (Shane) Hahn, Michael (Morgan) Whittaker, Josh Whittaker, Matt Whittaker, and Will Stratton—and found joy in her great-grandson Sutton Hahn.

Genny is also survived by her dear sister Patricia (Dave) Gardner, along with many nieces, nephews, extended family, and lifelong friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Dean, her brother Floyd Tomaski, and her sister Eleanor Plachta.

She spent years working at the heart of her community, greeting neighbors and helping however she could. Her kitchen was a place of comfort—where pierogi simmered and golabki were rolled by hand, just the way her mother taught her. No recipe, just memory and skill. Those cabbage rolls fed generations, and the love she folded into each one still lingers in the stories we tell and the meals we remember.

Genny’s way of loving was quiet and lasting. She noticed what needed doing and did it. She showed up with a warm dish, a kind word, or a helping hand. Her legacy lives not in grand gestures, but in the everyday moments she made meaningful—the steady

presence, the gentle care, the spaces she made feel like home.

A private memorial will be held in her honor. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan, St. Matthew's Catholic Church of Boyne City, or a faith-based organization close to your heart.