



Pearl M. Szczygiel (nee Kurczab)

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Beloved Pearl died peacefully at home after a long illness. She was attended to by her three children and their spouses; Rose (the late Martin) Sobel; Anthony (Andrea Szalanski) and Bonj (Samuel (Peppi) Sare). Pearl is also survived by grandchildren Jacob, Christopher (Deanna) and Benjamin Szczygiel and great-grandchild Lyra Rose Szczygiel, as well as nieces and nephews. Pearl was the last living child of the late Justine (Korta) and the late Casimer Kurczab.

Pearl designed the house that she and late husband (Anthony Szczygiel) built and where she was to live for over 70 years. Pearl was a primary caregiver for her mother-in-law and her own mother in their later years. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Her giving nature supported the growing family through abundant offerings of food, kindness and empathy. She loved to ride her bicycle, joining a club in her 60s. Notably she was recognized by Meals on Wheels of WNY for 25 years of outstanding service only retiring at age 90. She was filled with fun and joy, and shared both freely. The family will hold a private Celebration of Life at a later time. Memorial contributions may be made to FeedMore WNY (formerly Meals on Wheels) or Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

Family and friends are cordially invited to sign the online guest book, light a

candle and share a favorite memory on her tribute page at www.kevinmmasonfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ Bonnie, Rose, Tony, and families: Mom, Chad, Dave and I are so sorry to hear of Aunt Pearl's passing. She had the best laugh ever- I will remember that the most about her - along with a heart warming smile. What a wonderful family she created and how wonderful you all were in her care. Her home such a special part of my memories of growing up in Colden and mom (Joan) and Pearl cutting down our Christmas tree stories and of course our family reunions. Dad (Chester) has another sweet sister with him. Know we are thinking of you all and please include us in any future celebration of her life. Love Dawn



Dawn Johnston - March 16 at 06:22 PM

BK

“ Bonj describes Pearl as her best friend. For her whole life. I do not know Pearl but I do know Bonj (and Peppi) and the deep love and admiration they have for Pearl. It is clear that Pearl's children are as precious as their 'mum'.
Rest in Peace, dear one.



Beth Kalenak - March 12 at 04:31 PM

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“ *What a special lady with a long history of friendship with our family. We met Pearl through our dear friend Christine Alabiso who shared her with us as a Godsend to help keep our home clean and beautiful. Quickly becoming more than just someone who served us as a cleaning person, Pearl was just a dear friend who knew our home, and knew us. She soon began working for our neighbor as well, and just seamlessly fit into our homes and our lives. When we held social events at our home, we always invited Pearl as a guest, not to be working but enjoying herself by spending time with all the family and friends we held dear, and who had gotten to know her as well. Invariably, though, Pearl would just plant herself in the kitchen and start washing dishes or organizing. No matter how many times we would take her arm and bring her to socialize, pleading that she was first and foremost our guest, Pearl would work her way back to the kitchen and keep working. It was her comfort zone and her love language, working to help her friends, and serving with love those people she worked for. Fast forward many years of home service and eventually Pearl was no longer able to work in our home, but we would still see her whenever we could, and even as I type this tribute, and even in new homes that Pearl never worked in, "Pearl's Closet" is and will forever be the name of the space we store our cleaning and tidying materials. May our Pearl finally now rest in eternal peace, after a long life. Well done, good lady, a beautiful and faithful servant and friend. With care,*

Kathy Lell & Erica Snipes

Erica Snipes - March 12 at 10:59 AM

KM

“ To all of Pearl's family we extend our deepest condolences in her passing. At the age of 97, what beautiful memories and what a profound legacy she left for every one of you to carry one. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you at this time. With deepest condolences, Kevin M. Mason, Roman J. Miszewski and the Kevin M. Mason Funeral Home family.



Kevin M. Mason - March 09 at 07:15 AM