



## Mathilda "Tillie" Particka

April 30, 1923 - February 6, 2026

Mathilda Kathleen Buchkowski Particka, also Known as Tillie, passed away Friday, February 6, 2026 at Courtney Manor Nursing Center of Bad Axe. She was born on April 30, 1923 in Ubyly Michigan to the late Joseph and Mary (Kulich) Buchkowski. She was the youngest of nine daughters but is now the oldest living daughter of the family. Tillie and Art Particka were united in marriage on October 14, 1944. She attended the Maurer Country School, and enjoyed gardening, especially strawberries, playing cards and she also enjoyed tatting, and loved to polka dance.

She is survived by her sons: Gerald (Nancy) Particka of Chesaning, Eugene Particka of Fillion, Daniel (Cheryl) Particka of Flushing, Brian (Brenda) Particka of Fillion, 3 daughters: Carolyn (Duane) Guza of Harbor Beach, Rita (Dennis Sweeney of Bad Axe, Nancy (Jim) Potestivo, of Brownstown, 15 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, several step grandchildren and step great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers: Aloizy Buchkowski and Joseph Buchkowski, and sisters: Isabelle Swartz, Sophia Susalla, Albina Maurer, Gertrude Susalla-Messing, Emma Fisher, Bernice Ignash, Josephine Miller, Theresa Glaza, and Marie Krozek.

Funeral Mass for Tillie will be Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 11:30 am at St. Joseph Church, Rapson, of the St. Hubert Parish. Visitation on Tuesday, will be at the church, beginning at 9:30 am until time of services at 11:30 am.

Burial will take place at a later date.

Memorials may be given to the Donor's Choice.

Arrangements are being handled by the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach.

Memories can be shared at [www.RamseyFH.com](http://www.RamseyFH.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 10. 9:30 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church (St. Hubert Parish)  
3455 Rapson Rd  
Bad Axe, MI 48413-9149  
(989) 269-8084

## Funeral Mass

FEB 10. 11:30 AM.

St. Joseph Church

# Tribute Wall

NW

“ To Jerry, Eugene, Carol, Rita, Dan, Brian and Nancy and Marie,

*Your Mom's funeral was lovely. She looked beautiful in pink, surrounded by pink. All who were there had ample time to visit prior to Mass. The readings and songs were perfect. The church was full plus some in the overflow. It was touching to see the 60 or so of you surrounding her coffin at the end of Mass. At almost age 102, her departure still brought streaming tears to her 10 year olds, 30 year olds and daughters. And the priest had such good things to say about her and the depth of faith in the community of which you are a part, of which she was a part.*

*We sent a donation to UNICEF in memory of your Mom. I will send the email note to you, Eugene, since I could easily find your mailing address on Google.*

*Wishing all of you the very best as you move forward. I will hold in prayer those of you who I learned are facing your own difficulties. I recently heard this definition of faith from Bishop Robert Barron of WORD ON FIRE fame: Faith is a trusting surrender to the loving purposes of God. Good words to lean into for peace as we age.*

*Sincerely,  
Nancy White*

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**Nancy White** - February 11 at 02:17 PM

CG

*Thank you, Nancy,  
We have been blessed by having great neighbors growing up.  
I think the presence of our past loved ones was felt at our St. Joseph church yesterday.  
Truly,  
Carol*

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**Carol Guza** - February 11 at 07:24 PM

MK

“ *Our thoughts and prayers for the family. Dan and Marie Kiehl*

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**Marie Kiehl** - February 10 at 12:45 PM

JM

“ *My sympathy to all Mat's loved ones, especially the amazing kids and grandchildren (and the Greats) who have been by her side for decades! My husband, Marv Miller was born in 1940, the son of Mike and Josie Miller, on a farm within a mile or so of what became the Art & Mat Particka family farm. Josie, an elder sister took Mat under her wing and Mat would share just how much she learned from Josie and how grateful she was for everything. Over the past 20 years we would call Mat occasionally and we would share the many positive interactions we had and she was always certain to talk about her grandchildren and then, the Greats! May she rest in peace. Love, Judy*

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**Judy Miller** - February 09 at 08:17 PM

JM

*My brother, Greg, and I were so fortunate to have wonderful aunts (Leta, Ann, and Lee) who took such good care of us when we would spend vacation time at their house. They regularly took us to visit Aunt Mat and Uncle Art, and it was always so much fun. Aunt Mat was a wonderful loving lady who enriched our lives in so many ways. Her sons and daughters were equally wonderful in our young lives and we are so fortunate to have the experiences they gave us. Our thoughts are with you all. Love, Julie*

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**Julie Markgraf** - February 10 at 11:23 AM

JM

*Beautifully stated Julie*

**judy miller** - February 14 at 07:57 AM

~C

“ ~ Michigan Sugar Company planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mathilda "Tillie" Particka.

~ Michigan Sugar Company - February 09 at 12:38 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Mathilda "Tillie" Particka.



February 09 at 12:38 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. She really done well living to 102. I always appreciated her keeping my mother in her thoughts and picking her up to attend various activities. May she rest in peace! I remember our parents visiting and of course include us kids. I remember that "Partaka Bridge" being a popular spot in the spring sucker runs!!! Condolences to all of you!!*

**Kgg Gorn** - February 09 at 11:21 AM

JF

“ Jim & Anne-Marie Susalla & Families purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mathilda "Tillie" Particka.



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**Jim & Anne-Marie Susalla & Families** - February 08 at 12:46 PM

RA

“ Ruth A. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mathilda "Tillie" Particka.



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**Ruth A.** - February 07 at 12:51 PM