



## Catherine S. "Kit" Maxwell

August 20, 1936 - December 28, 2020

Catherine Susan (Kit) Maxwell, age 84, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, December 28th, surrounded by her husband and sons.

Kit was born on August 20, 1936 in Monroe, Michigan to Fred and Kay (Brunton) Lemerand.

Kit graduated from St Mary Academy in 1954 and married her high school sweetheart, George R Maxwell, on August 18, 1956 at St Mary's Catholic Church in Monroe where she was a lifetime parishioner.

Kit's life was one of devotion to her family and faithfulness to God.

She worked at The Monroe Evening News for a time before she headed to Virginia with George, where he was stationed in the Army. Around the same time, her longest, hardest and most fulfilling job began as the mother to five rambunctious sons, Todd, Mark, Eric, Kevin and Ryan.

Her sons remember her as the ultimate stay at home mom. She was a great cook who always made sure there was enough to go around for the six hungry men in her life. She also got us prepared and to school and every practice on time, cheered us on from the stands, and made sure we were at Mass every Sunday. In addition, she taught us how to do everything she did. When we ultimately all moved out on our own, we all knew how to cook, clean and do laundry.

Kit enjoyed volunteering, especially with St Mary's Parish and the boy's schools, St Mary's Grade School and St Mary Catholic Central. In her later years, she was recognized with an award for her work with Habit for Humanity.

After the boys were grown and George retired, they spent Winters in Destin, Florida with a group of good friends from Monroe. She and George enjoyed walking the beach, reading on their balcony, cocktail parties with their friends, and of course, the "early bird" dinner specials. They also enjoyed golfing in a snow bird league where Kit scored her first and only hole-in-one.

Summer's were spent at the family cottage on Lake Missaukee in Lake City. Kit enjoyed watching her grand daughters grow from little kids playing in the sand to grown women excelling at skiing, wake boarding and wake surfing. She looked forward to the dinners her sons and daughter-in-law would prepare for the family, loved an after dinner cruise on the

pontoon boat and anxiously anticipated the new and interesting cocktails her grand daughters would surprise her with.

George and the boys recognize how blessed they were to have such a loving wife and mother looking after them for so many years and enjoyed returning the favor. Kit enjoyed it as well. As she watched George open her recipe box and fix a family favorite, or her boys caring for her in her last months, she would often say with a wry smile, "my how the tables have turned".

Appreciation also to Mark, who lives in Monroe and could always be counted on to look after them, keep us informed or run a quick errand to assist in the care of mom.

Kit is survived by her loving husband of 64 years, George, her sons Todd (Nancy), Mark, Eric, Kevin and Ryan, grand daughters Colleen, Kelsey, Kylie, Kendall and Reese, brother Fred (Chris) Lemerand, sister Annette (Harold) Smith, and numerous brother and sister-in-laws and nieces and nephews.

Due to the current Covid restrictions a private, family Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St Mary's Church with Father Brian Chabala officiating. A Celebration of Kit's Life will follow in the Summer.

The family would like to thank John, Nicole, Anne, Hayley and Karen from Promedica Hospice for their care and kindness this past week, as well as our extended family and friends for all of the phone calls, food and showing of support.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to St Mary's Parish or St Mary Catholic Central would be appreciated.

Bacarella Funeral Home, 1201 S. Telegraph Rd., Monroe, MI, 48161 is assisting Kit's family with funeral arrangements.

Online condolences and special memories may be shared with the family by visiting the obituary page at <http://www.bacarellafuneralhome.com>.

# Cemetery

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## **St. Joseph Cemetery**

909 N. Monroe Street

Monroe, MI, 48162

# Comments

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“ Our deepest sympathies to the entire Maxwell family. Kit was a very special woman to both her family and friends. I remember when she would make rum cakes for the hunters at our house and made a special trip to drop off the recipe. She will be missed very much and was loved by everyone. Ken, Lori and Ciara Brooks

**Lori Brooks** - January 18 at 08:37 AM

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“ Deepest sympathy to Mr Maxwell, Todd, Mark, Eric, Kevin and Ryan. I have the sweetest memories of Your Mom she always had a smile and made me always feel welcomed and glad to see me! Sweet sweet lady!!

**patrick mccarty** - January 07 at 12:38 PM

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“ Dear George, Todd, Mark, Eric, Kevin and Ryan:

We are sorry to learn of Kit's passing. We always enjoyed Kit's smiles and her cheerful personality. We certainly appreciated her support of MCC/SMCC and our football program. We will keep Kit and all of you in our prayers.

Kathy and Joe Sandersen

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Kathy and Joe Sandersen - January 05 at 01:28 PM

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“ Prayers for the Maxwell family. As a classmate of Todd's, I will always remember his mother as a gracious and giving mother. Joe and I have all of you in our thoughts and prayers

**Peggy Bellino** - January 05 at 11:30 AM

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“ Rachel St. Joseph Cemetery lit a candle in memory of Catherine S. "Kit" Maxwell



**Rachel St. Joseph Cemetery** - January 04 at 12:37 PM

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“ My condolences. She Will surely be missed  
Blessings. Linda (William Foshag)  
Prayers

**Linda Foshag** - January 04 at 08:51 AM

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“ Sending prayers to the Maxwell family. Hoping that you may find some comfort in the wonderful memories. While I was very young when I met the Maxwells, I'll always recall my Friday nights spent with them and the other SMCC families at Michigan Bar. What a fun group where Mrs. maxwells smile always lit up the room. Love to you all

**amber pighin beham** - January 04 at 08:12 AM

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“ A sad Day to hear of my friend, Kit passing . We became better friends as we worked with the families of Habitat for Humanity. She always did what was best for the families. She worked very hard but we enjoyed doing the work. kit always had a nice smile as we would meet. Kit was a kind and wonderful women. The world will miss her. Our sympathy to George and the boys.

**Arnie and Carol Discher** - January 03 at 01:36 PM

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“ I was so saddened to hear of Mrs Maxwell's passing. My prayers go out to Mr Maxwell and all the Maxwell Men. My family was truly blessed to have had such a strong friendship w such a genuine, loving person and a family that has followed in her footsteps. You will be sorely Missed Mrs M but we know you are looking down on us from a better place. Much love to all.

**Brooks Pighin** - January 03 at 11:55 AM

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“ Our sympathies and prayers to George and family. We were saddened to hear of Kit's passing. We enjoyed reading the beautiful tribute to your mom. Kit talked about her boys a lot and chuckled when she would proudly talk about her granddaughters, it was the irony of having five girls after five boys. She was so very proud of her family.

I've always held a special place in my heart for Kit. She was the first mom to introduce herself to me at a SMCC baseball game back in 1988 when Ryan and Brooks were classmates. We've been friends ever since, Al and I have so enjoyed our friendship with the Maxwell's. Kit will surely be missed. She was such a wonderful, kind, fun loving person and friend. What a beautiful legacy she left her family.

**Suzanne & Al Pighin** - January 03 at 09:54 AM



“ The Maxwell's, George and Kit, are very special people to my mom and dad. No matter how long it had been since I seen them last, they would always ask me how I was and take genuine care to find out. My parents love all their "Monroe Friends". However, the Maxwells also hold a special place in my heart because their close family, the Ansons, have been next door neighbors for 15 years. So we got to see the Maxwells more frequently. May God bless the family and George in their time of sorrow and may the Holy Spirit bring Kit to her eternal home.

**AJ Pighin** - January 03 at 11:43 AM

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“ What a beautiful tribute to a beautiful wife, mother and friend. Kit will truly be missed on this earth but her sons will carry on her love by example. She so loved all her boys and adored her granddaughters. Kit lived a well loved life and now she is smiling down on us all. God Bless all the Maxwells. Nick and Terry Carlton

**Terry Carlton** - January 03 at 08:23 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to Mr. Maxwell, all the boys and their families...Mrs. Maxwell was a woman of grace, genuine kindness and compassion. She always had a beautiful, warm smile whenever I saw her, along with the most calming presence. Truly a woman of great faith in our Lord and Savior, and lived a life of serving Him by serving her family with the greatest Love! Big big hugs to you all! May God comfort you in your grief journey with all the amazing memories you hold in your hearts, along with the knowledge she is still with you as part of the Communion of Saints!

**Renee & Kurt Darrow** - January 02 at 10:44 AM

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“ Sending my sympathy and love to George and all the family. I'm so glad I got to know Kit in years past, she was so beautiful and classy. May God Bless You and know that our faith will carry you until you meet again!



**Mary Bilan** - January 01 at 08:45 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy George, Ryan and the entire Maxwell family. I'm sure she will be missed but always hold on to those precious memories. God bless and comfort you all.

**Angelo and Louann Benvenuto** - January 01 at 11:49 AM

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“ May God bless you with all the good memories and hold you till we all meet again. I am so happy I knew your wife/mom. She was a "mothering" inspiration to all who knew her!  
Love and prayers, Kellie Vuich

**Kellie Vuich** - January 01 at 09:45 AM



“ May God comfort & surround you all with his loving care. You have beautiful memories. Kit was such a sweet person.

**Ruth Owsley** - January 01 at 11:19 AM



“ George, our sympathy and prayers are for you and your family in your loss. God bless.

**Cecil & Betty Lewis** - January 01 at 04:55 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Maxwell family. My earliest memory of Kit was when she worked for the Evening News. My dad, Ed, was the circulation manager. I was selling soap to offset costs to "Y" camp. Dad took me to Kit's desk and asked her to help me sell the soap. Kit took me to everybody. If there was any reluctance, she cajoled them to buy the soap. By the time we were done I had sold a number of cases (of the worst smelling soap I can think of). Occasionally my wife and I would see her at breakfast at Big Boy. We would always talk for a minute or two. Great memories. I am sure that God has his arms wrapped around her. God bless all of you. Geof Oetjens

**Geoffrey Oetjens** - January 03 at 12:27 PM