



## Ellen M. Tobolski

May 22, 1925 - March 12, 2016

Ellen M. Tobolski, 90, of Vernon Hills, passed away on Sat. March 12, 2016 in Glenview, IL. She was born May 22, 1925 in Chicago, was formerly of Deerfield and has lived in Vernon Hills for the past 28 years. She was a member of St. Mary of Vernon Parish in Indian Creek and a former volunteer at the Vernon Hills Elementary School. Ellen was a member of the Vernon Hills Seniors, enjoyed sailing, gardening, swimming, traveling and playing cards.

Surviving are 3 children, Sharon Tobolski of Vernon Hills, Debra (Rob Johnson) Tobolski of Walnut Creek, CA and Mark (Jackie Kalmes) Tobolski of Antioch; her brother Rudy (Nancy) Lausch.

She was preceded in death by her husband Chester "Chet" Tobolski in 2010.

Visitation will be from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Tuesday at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) Libertyville. Funeral mass will be at 11:00 a.m. Wed. March 16 at St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church (meet at church) 236 W. Highway 45, Indian Creek, IL 60061. Memorial contributions can be made to the Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60607. Info: 847-362-3009 or please sign the guest book at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).



# Tribute Wall



“ *Always a kind word and genuine concern for others, Ellen will be missed by all of us. Denise Kalmes & Family*

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June 29, 2018 at 12:36 PM



“ *On behalf of Fr. Scott Donahue and the Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, we would like to extend our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Ellen M. Tobolski. May the angels lead her into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome her and take her to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.*

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**Mercy Home for Boys and Girls** - April 27, 2018 at 04:59 AM



“ *My fondest memories of Mom are the simple ones; sharing meals, celebrating Holidays, playing games, walking in the park, and just sitting in the living room talking. She laughed at our stories about our crazy cross-country escapades and loved all of our dogs; Palouse, EC Puppy, Supai, Kiva, Kicker, Daisy, Mesa and Sadie. Mom was the sweetest mother-in-law a girl could ever hope for. She made us feel like the most important people in the world whenever we visited. She listened, really listened, and was always ready to help in anyway she could. I'll never forget the way she supported me and my family when my own parents passed. As pretty as Princess Grace but down to Earth and loving to all. I am going to miss her every single day. Thank you, Mom, for your never ending love and sweetness. I love you. Jackie*

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**Jackie Kalmes** - April 27, 2018 at 04:59 AM

MT

“ My favorite memory of Mom was her frequent inability to control her laughter during games after family dinners. Sometimes the cause was at her expense and those seem like the times she laughed the hardest.

*I know that she worried about us often, but seldom shared those feelings with us. Rarely did she adopt a serious tone, but when she needed or wanted our attention or disapproved of something done or said, I got the "Mark David" address. That's when I knew something needed correcting or some introspection on my part. Seems like Mom was always right, hard as that was to admit. I'll always know that we had - a mother like no other. For that I'll be forever blessed. Love you forever, mom, Mark*

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**Mark Tobolski** - April 27, 2018 at 04:59 AM

JK

“ I couldn't have had a better mother-in-law in the entire world. She loved me unconditionally and helped my family in anyway that she could. I loved her laugh, her sweetness, her joy for life and her wise suggestions. The world seemed a better place because Mom was here. She never uttered an unkind word about anyone. She enjoyed our tales about our crazy adventures in the wilderness; often laughing at the people we met along the way. I'm sure we scared her with our stories but she knew we loved to travel and never discouraged it. I'll never forget how she helped me when my own parents passed. She was always ready to reach out and help in anyway she could. It brings tears to my eyes just writing this. If Mom were a flower, she would be a daisy, bright, happy and down to Earth. She loved her gardens so I know she will appreciate this comparison. We were blessed to have such a wonderful friend and mother for so many years. We'll miss you always. Love, Jackie

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**Jackie Kalmes** - April 27, 2018 at 04:59 AM

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“ In addition to her wonderful, caring soul, I really appreciated her parenting approach. She kept an open mind, encouraging as well as discouraging, but when possible leaving decisions to her kids. When I was fifteen, I told her I wanted to join two friends and bicycle from Deerfield to Devil's Lake, Wisconsin. I tried my best to convince her that I would be fine and it would be a great experience. Mom said absolutely not. I hadn't expected such a brick wall response but expecting some resistance I went straight to my ace in the hole. "Dad drove to the New York Worlds Fair when he was fifteen!". Amazingly, Mom immediately deferred with "ask your father". I know she hoped for a different answer from Dad but when he gave the OK, there was no argument. (I seem to recall a roll of the eyes directed Dad's way). No doubt she worried the entire time I was gone but I survived and had a great experience. Just one of the unforgettable things about my mom. Thanks, mom, I'll love you forever. Mark

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Mark Tobolski - April 27, 2018 at 04:59 AM

MA

“ My favorite memory of Ellen,has to be of Ellen ,as Chet's beautiful wife,who always reminded me of Sophia Loren. I couldn't believe my dear friend,Sharon had such a beautiful mother! One day I was standing at the corner of Deerfield and Waukegan Roads ,waiting to cross the street by the old Lindeman's. Well as I waited to cross there was Ellen and Chet in the car driving by and she was sitting very close to Chet in the front seat of the car !!! I think I missed my chance to cross the street as I stared with my mouth open,watching them drive down Waukegan Road, heading South.Of course I only knew her as a mother and at that instance i knew there was a love story between Ellen and Chet!! An amazing loving woman,who is with Chet now,driving off into the sunset!!!

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**Mary Angino** - April 27, 2018 at 04:59 AM

DK

“ Dear Mark, Sharon and Debi, She was a beautiful light on this earth, and she and Chet created a wonderful family. My heart will be with you in your sadness. Remember how much love and joy she gave you when growing up. The strong bond you have to each other will help you in the years ahead. Cherish it as her legacy. Much love to you from our family.

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**Darlin Kalmes** - April 27, 2018 at 04:59 AM

DK

“ Mrs. Tobolski will always hold a special place in my heart and memory as the kind, loving, and giving woman that she has always been. The Christmas she invited me and my 10 year old son to enjoy her family and their traditions, is a loving memory that I treasure. We have lived many miles apart, but I know the love that she has bestowed in her son, is extended through his love for my sister. Thank you Ellen, for contributing to the beauty of life through your love and gracious presence in it.

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**Daire Kalmes** - April 27, 2018 at 04:59 AM

KK

“ Dear Mark, Sharon, Debi and Jackie.. it was so easy to meet, know and love Ellen. A beautiful lady with a warm, embracing smile, who always made you feel a welcomed part of her family. Ellen and Chet were certainly a welcomed addition to the Kalmes/Baruffi family. She will be missed, never forgotten and is now in the waiting arms of her forever-love, Chet. Love, prayers and hugs from my the boys and I..Kevin

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**Kevin Kalmes** - April 27, 2018 at 04:59 AM