



Matilda "Tillie" Garczynski

March 16, 2025

Matilda "Tillie from Philly" Garczynski peacefully passed away on March 16th, shortly after celebrating her 86th birthday. Tillie lived a vibrant and fulfilling life, always surrounded by family and friends who adored her warmth, kindness, and radiant spirit.

A devoted member of St. Stanislaus Church, she was a steadfast advocate for her faith and community. She assisted in the daily preparations for the priests, ensuring they were supported in their ministry and service. She brightened the lives of everyone she encountered, leaving an indelible mark through her generosity, joy, and boundless energy. Tillie had a deep love for polka dancing and was a Harvest Moon Ball champion, even gracing the stage of The Lawrence Welk Show with her talent.

For 27 years, she dedicated her time as a volunteer at the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House, offering comfort and support to families in need. In her retirement, she remained engaged in her heritage and history, volunteering at the Polish American Museum. A proud member of Teamsters Union Local 830, she carried a strong work ethic and an even stronger love for the people around her.

Tillie had a gift for preserving memories, always with a camera in hand, capturing the beauty of everyday life. She was deeply engaged in the lives of those she loved, bringing happiness wherever she went. She leaves behind her beloved older sister Caroline Homka, along with Nephews Thomas E Homka (Alice), Andrew Homka (Debbie), Nieces Carol Davis(Michael), Diane

Perry(David), Great Nieces & Nephews Cynthia, Steven, Kristy, Jennifer, Scott, Zachary, David, Holly, Samantha, Tommi, Brett, 6 Great-Great nieces & nephews and more countless friends and family who will forever treasure the joy she brought into their lives.

Her legacy of kindness, passion, and unwavering dedication to others will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Relatives and friends are invited to her Viewing and Funeral, Tuesday, March 25, 2025 after 9 AM until 10:15 AM from St. Stanislaus Church, 240 Fitzwater Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147 followed by her Mass of Christian burial at 10:30 AM. Interment will follow at SS Peter & Paul Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, generous donations may be made in Tillie Garczynski's memory to the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House (www.rmhcphilly.org)
Share Online Condolences at www.rachubinskiandrogersfh.com

Cemetery Details

SS Peter and Paul Cemetery

1600 Sproul Road
Springfields, PA 19064

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 25. 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Church
242 Fitzwater St
Philadelphia, PA 19147

Mass of Christian Burial

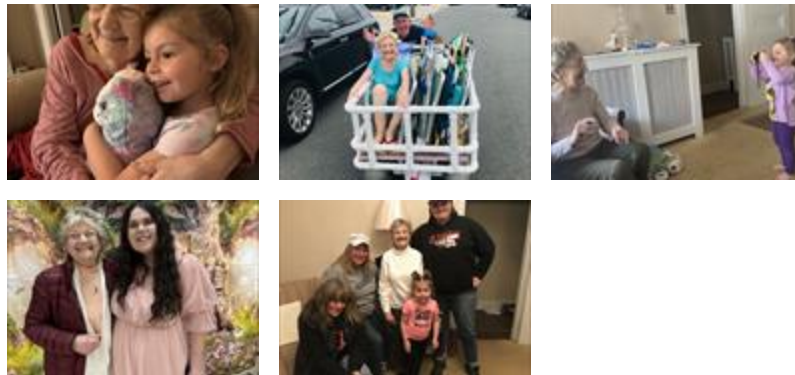
MAR 25. 10:30 AM (ET)

Saint Stanislaus
242 Fitzwater Street
Philadelphia, PA 19147

Tribute Wall

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“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Cynthia Homka - March 20, 2025 at 01:19 PM

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“ The most amazing person I’ve ever know, my one & only Matka Cioci “Tillie from Philly.”
You brought soo joy to everyone you came in contact with. Your personality shined brighter than any star. Forever will you be in my heart! I Kocham Cię Matka!



Cynthia Homka - March 20, 2025 at 01:15 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Photos



CAROL - March 20, 2025 at 07:17 AM

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“ *Tillie was a special person. I had the pleasure of working with Tillie at the Ronald McDonald House for many years. She was always willing to do whatever was needed, nothing was too much trouble. She was dedicated to the RMH and will be forever missed. RIP Dear Tillie! Roseann Kiirln*

Roseann Kirlin - March 19, 2025 at 09:36 PM

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“ *Tillie will always be my favorite polka dancer, I love watching her and her partner Chet. Her grace and poise made me want to be a better dancer, I will never compare to Tillie, she was always full of life and fun to be around. She'll be missed*



Gail Cerva - March 19, 2025 at 05:28 PM

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“ *My heartfelt sympathy goes to all of Tillie's family. She was my best friend and words cannot describe how much I will miss her. She touched so many lives with her love and kindness. May peace and comfort come to you all in the days ahead.*

*Fondly,
Pat Slonina
Connecticut*



Patricia M. Slonina - March 19, 2025 at 09:20 AM