



## Zofia (Nowak) Turko

August 24, 2020

Zofia (Nowak) Turko, 95, passed away Monday, August 24, 2020, after a short illness in Taylors, South Carolina. She was the wife of the late Stefan Turko.

Zofia was born in Poland, daughter of the late Piotr and Maria (Ebla) Nowak. Her life journey as a Holocaust survivor, took her out of Nowy Saçz, Poland as a young girl to be a Nazi slave. After being liberated by the Americans, she soon married; and, with one daughter moved to Belgium where her husband was a coal miner, and where another daughter and a son were born. They did not hesitate to move to America. The family was sponsored by a Methodist church in New Britain, Connecticut, where Zofia lived for the remainder of her life. She visited often in Dartmouth, Massachusetts.

Zofia's strong faith in God and family made her independent and resilient. She loved this country and quickly became a citizen. She loved to read the Bible, go to church and attend the women's bible studies. She was an usher at The First Baptist Church, now South Church. She also attended a Polish service at the First Baptist Church. She belonged to the local senior center. In the summers the family would attend the Evangelical Baptist Camp, a slavic camp in Ashford, CT. Zofia craved adventure and she loved to travel. She returned several times to her beloved Poland. She loved the ocean, especially Hammonasset Beach and Horseneck Beach. She was skilled in knitting, crocheting, and sewing. Zofia was a beautiful Christian who was loving, giving and caring, gifted with boundless energy. She loved people and they quickly took to her. Given the times it was a shame that she died alone...alone with Jesus.

She is survived by two daughters and a son: Maria Reed and her husband, Robert of Dartmouth; Irene Urko and her husband William of South Carolina; and, Anthony Turko and Carol of Florida; relatives in Poland; six grandchildren: John LaTour, James LaTour, Natalie Urko Ezelle, Matthew Turko, Ryan Turko and Kevin Turko; and, nine great-grandchildren.

Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain, is assisting the family with funeral arrangements. A celebration of life memorial is planned in the foreseeable future. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Irene, Marie, & Tony: I just read of Zofia's passing and send my family's sympathy on the loss of your mother, grandmother and great grand. Zofia was truly a treasure and I remember her industriousness from our early days at the First Baptist Church on West Main St., in New Britain. I loved running into her later in life, when she lived downtown, because she always was so excited about the day's events--and she almost always had her jar of pennies with her for playing bingo (or maybe it was cards?) at the Senior Center. I've missed her joyful presence the past few years but was glad to see that she got a chance to spend time with so many of her family. Peace to you all, Justine Beach.

Tina Beach - October 20, 2020 at 06:48 PM

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“ Maria, I met your Mom several times at our ladies bible study at Dartmouth Bible Church and will always remember her wonderful christian spirit and beautiful smile. She had a heart after God and enjoyable to our whole group whenever she visited with us. She's now in her perfect spiritual body and with her Lord & Savior! Prayers for peace and comfort for your family! Hugs! Felice & Ted Fleury



Felice Fleury - September 20, 2020 at 07:25 AM

JD

“ Maria and family, I met your mom several times at the ladies study at Dartmouth Bible. She was such a sweet lady. What a blessing to know she is with her Savior.

Jan DaCosta - September 19, 2020 at 11:49 PM

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James LaTour - September 05, 2020 at 07:43 PM

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Gene E LaTour - September 04, 2020 at 09:57 AM

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“ I loved when Maria would bring her mom to our Holocaust meetings. She always had a smile on her face and loved being with everyone. We will miss her very much!

Cynthia Yoken - September 03, 2020 at 08:07 PM

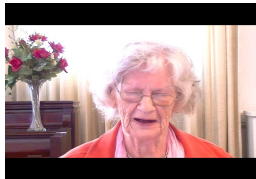
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“ I totally enjoyed Zophia's company at the ladies Bible studies! She was a bright and shiny sweet star--I really enjoyed chatting with her! Plus, she always made me feel good--she used to tell me she loved my hair--she said I have beautiful hair and it always made my day! She will truly be missed by friends and family alike. My condolences and hugs go out to Zophia's family ❤️

Carlene Rodrigues - September 03, 2020 at 11:05 AM

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James LaTour - September 03, 2020 at 07:16 AM