



Adelheid Helena Katharina Maria Stober

April 18, 1925 - May 20, 2023

Adelheid Helena Katharina Maria Ahlborn Stober, "Heidi," age 98, passed away on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at her Lansing home surrounded by her children. She was born on April 18, 1925 in Rudershausen, Lower Saxony, Germany, the oldest of 5 children. Given the absence of able-bodied men during World War II, she both cared for her younger siblings and maintained her family's farm. At the end of the war she met her husband, Rudolph (Rudy) Stober, who was born in East Prussia and had been drafted to the Russian front. When East Prussia was dissolved, he became a displaced person and the government assigned him to Rudershausen, where their fate led them to meet in 1945 and marry in 1949.

During their years in Germany, Adelheid worked and stood firmly beside Rudolph, as he spent two years in rigorous apprenticeship training as a brick mason and achieved his license as a master mason. Rudolph also used this time to search for his family lost during the war, finding his brother first, and later, his mother, sisters and their children, trapped in Russia. After several months, Rudolph was able to get them out and reunite the family. As displaced persons, Rudolph's family chose to relocate to America. Adelheid and Rudy continued to work in Germany earning money to send his family ahead where they settled in Lansing. Despite the sacrifice of leaving her family behind in West Germany, Adelheid accompanied her husband to be with his family. In September of 1951, Adelheid and Rudolph passed through

Ellis Island and joined the rest of the family in Lansing, MI.

As a master mason, Rudolph joined J&J Masonry, where he helped build some of the largest commercial structures in Lansing and MSU. Over the next twelve years, Rudolph and Adelheid built the family home and had three children. They also became active members of the Lansing community through church, the Bricklayers Union and local charities, developing countless lifelong friendships. In 1963, they bought Rustic Village, which together they turned into the legendary local establishment known as Stober's Bar, which remained in family hands for almost half a century.

Adelheid and Rudolph are remembered by their customers for their hard work ethic, honesty, and generosity. Both Adelheid and Rudolph delighted in conversing with their customers. They truly welcomed all individuals from every walk of life and every social standing, embracing the values of their new country.

Rudy's support of sports earned him a Hall of Fame ring with his spot in the Michigan Amateur Softball Hall of Fame, and years later a donation to help build the Lugnut Stadium. Stober's are part of the Foundation Stone Club with an exhibit at the Capital Area District Libraries in the Local History Department. They also hold a place of honor for contributions to the Capital Area Humane Society. They earned awards from the Special Olympics, Perry School system and others. Additionally, Adelheid is remembered for her banquet specialties, such as chili, meatballs, and her original recipe for pickled eggs. As a wife and mother, Adelheid fostered an atmosphere of enduring love and respect – values she instilled in her children who survived her: Steven, Linda (Greg), and Lisa. She was predeceased by her husband, Rudolph; and son-in-law, Greg. Their children mourn their much loved parents and will always feel the loss.

Adelheid will be buried next to Rudolph at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Lansing. Friends are encouraged to support Adelheid's family by sharing memories on her on her Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Donations in her memory may be given to Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 W. Grand River, Lansing, MI 48906. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2520 W. Willow St.
Lansing, MI

Previous Events

Burial

MAY **22**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ On behalf of the Miller family, our sincere condolences to Steve, Linda and Lisa. As next door neighbors, our large family created a lot of noise and chaos. Your mom endured it all with tolerance and understanding. I was over almost every summer day to talk to your mom, discuss daily happenings and enjoy her wonderful baked goods. She was such a hard worker, and her flower gardens were amazing. She was always so kind to me and I thought of her as a second mother. I will miss her very much.

Janet (Miller) Strahan - May 25, 2023 at 01:26 PM

BN

“ Not long after moving to Lansing back in 1980, I stopped at the Stober Bar. It was a Sunday night. Both Heidi and Rudy were behind the bar. I talked with both, though mostly Rudy for quite a while. After that, I made a habit of stopping in on Sunday nights for several years. Each time I walked through the door, I would hear, " How you Svenka" (Swedish)? There were some nights that Rudy would kick everybody out. "You too Svenka". To this day, I remember with great fondness, just what a delight Heidi and Rudy were to be around.



Bill Nelson - May 25, 2023 at 12:52 PM

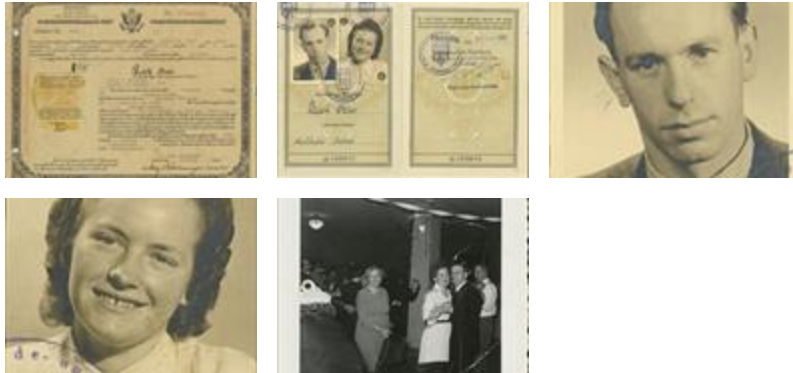
JT

“ Heidi and Rudy cheerfully helped save (and make flourish), the over-ambitious summer garden Lisa and I planted along the Grand River. I also remember her gleevine treatment for colds - steamy hot red wine and spice to be drunk beneath a towel - purported to be effective in moderation, though I can't say, having never administered the remedy moderately.

John Turner - May 23, 2023 at 07:17 PM



“ 16 files added to the album *Coming to America 1951*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 23, 2023 at 10:10 AM

PD

“ *Blessed to be friends with the Stober family many years ago through the masonry company that my father, Ed Pekrul, and the Stober brothers, both worked for. Two sets of brothers were employed there...Ed and Rudy Pekrul, along with Ed and Rudy Stober! Many fond memories of all of the Stobers and Adeline was a lovely person!!!*

Penny Draper - May 23, 2023 at 08:33 AM

DJ

“ *So sorry to hear this Steve and family. You family did a great job in helping her live a full life and what an awesome life.*

David Jackson - May 22, 2023 at 09:45 AM