

Kathleen and Gerald Paras Family Fund

Kathleen was born on December 12, 1926, to Attilio and Olga (Boilini) Picchietti in North Judson, Indiana. She graduated from North Judson High School and then attended South Bend College of Commerce and St. Mary's College. She then married Gerald Parascandolo in 1948. Together, they raised 4 children back in the town Kathleen cherished so dearly- North Judson, IN.

Kathleen was beyond dedicated to her family. She embraced the role of mother and then grandmother with the upmost sincerity and love. Her boundless energy, positive outlook, and passion for living inspired everyone she came in contact with. She was also very dedicated to North Judson for the 89 years she called it home. She was a member of SS. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, a substitute teacher at North Judson-San Pierre schools for 25 years, and a loyal patron and benefactor of the North Judson-Wayne Township Library.

In 2002, Kathleen decided to open a designated fund with the Starke County Community Foundation in order to provide ongoing support for the North Judson-Wayne Township Library she enjoyed so much. Kathleen saw the library's role and mission as a crucial asset to the community. Kathleen peacefully passed away in February of 2021. Her legacy and passion for not only the library but for family and life overall will now continue forever through this fund.

