



## Mrs. Virginia Zigadlo Fleszar

October 17, 1930 - April 25, 2021

Virginia Zigadlo Fleszar born October 17, 1930 in Auburn, NY, daughter of Peter Zigadlo and Mary Knap. 1949 graduate of Auburn Central High School, 1954 graduate of Cortland State with a Bachelor's degree where she was a member of Arethusa sorority. Following brief stays in Florida and Colorado, she resided for 60 years in the Town of Cortlandville.

Employed as an elementary school teacher, briefly in Auburn, then at the former Pomeroy School in Cortland, and for many years at Cassavant School in McLean (Dryden Central School District), retiring in 1993. Predeceased by her parents, husband Edward Fleszar, sons Hannes and Eric, and brother Joseph Zigadlo. Survived by daughter Ruth Fleszar and her husband Dr. John Jetty of Painted Post; son Peter Fleszar and wife Krista Cessna of Hummelstown, PA; grandchildren Rachel and Laurel Fleszar; step-grandchildren Kimberly, Michael and Amanda Jetty; sister-in-law Jannette Zigadlo; along with numerous nieces and nephews and step great-grandchildren.

Virginia was extremely devoted to her children and grandchildren; to her pupils; and following her retirement, was active in St. Mary's Church, Catholic Daughters Court Cortland 919, Legion of Mary, Religious Education; and in numerous organizations such as Cortland County NAMI-NYS, Boy and Girl Scouting, and American Red Cross, receiving a number of awards for her

dedicated community service over many years. Gla, as she was affectionately named by her granddaughter, was known to enjoy a crème de menthe cocktail, bake voluminous batches of Christmas cookies and sent birthday cards with balloons.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Church office, 59 N. Main St., Cortland, NY 13045; to the Friends of Bassett Healthcare Network for children's cancer care in memory of Virginia's late son Hannes Peter Fleszar , 1 Atwell Road, Cooperstown, NY 13326; to Cortland Chenango Rural Services, Inc., 2704 Lower Cincinnatus Rd., PO Box 57 Cincinnatus, NY 13040; or to Catholic Charities Diocese of Syracuse, 1654 W. Onondaga St., Syracuse, NY 13204.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Mary's Church, 46 N. Main St., on Thursday May 20, 2021 at 10 a.m. with Rev. Joseph Zareski presiding. Cortland. Prayers of committal will follow in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Cortland, N.Y. Arrangements are under the direction of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, N.Y. [www.riccardifuneralhome.com](http://www.riccardifuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## **A Mass of Christian Burial**

MAY **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Church  
Cortland, NY 13045

# Tribute Wall

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*McLean elementary school. First grade. I feel like she never aged at all, used to see her around Cortland here and there over past 38 YEARS! Definitely one of those teachers to remember, even at age 6. Heartfelt condolences and prayers for her family.*

*Jill Haines*



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