



Therese F. Schickler (Russer)

August 18, 2025

Therese Schickler (Russer), born in Rochester, NY in 1928, passed away peacefully at the age of 97 on August 18, 2025. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Eugene; and children, Tommy and Susan. She was the last living sibling to nine brothers and sisters: Eleanor, Agnes, Max, John, Mary, Ruth, Esther, Clare, and Barb. Therese is survived by her six children: Peter, Barbara (Sandy), Amy (Michael), Meg (Craig), Stephen (Traci), Martha (Tom), son-in-law Bob, their families, and many cherished nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

Therese's life was a testament to her strength, resilience, and unwavering love for her family and community. After graduating from Rochester Nazareth Academy in 1945, she worked at Taylor Instrument in payroll and contributed to the family business, Russers' Market. Her marriage to Eugene blossomed at a Holy Ghost Church dance, marking the beginning of a lifetime filled with love, shared experiences, and the joys of raising eight children. Her legacy extends to thirteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren, with more blessings surely to come. Her warm and generous spirit touched countless lives, earning her the affectionate moniker "Mother Theresa" from many who benefited from her kindness and support.

Beyond her role as a devoted mother, Therese held various positions, her longest in the Gates Chili Middle School kitchen, where she cherished the

camaraderie and laughter shared with her colleagues. Therese was known for her engaging humor, clever puns, and love of dogs and horses. She had artistic talents shone through her calligraphy and artwork. She enjoyed leisure time with games of Euchre, challenging crossword puzzles, reading books, and cheering on the Buffalo Bills. Summers at Conesus Lake created treasured memories for generations of her family.

Family and friends are invited to her Funeral Mass at St. Pius Tenth Church on Monday, August 25th at 10:00 a.m. A celebration of life will also be held for close family and friends at the family home on Tuesday, September 23rd, at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hope Hall on Buffalo Road, a local hospice organization, or the St. Pius X Chili parish building fund.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

AUG **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Pius Tenth Church
3000 Chili Ave
Rochester, NY 14624

Tribute Wall

DA

“ It seemed that whenever we visited, Aunt Therese would be at the kitchen table, along with neighbors, friends, and family; laughing and talking together. She shocked me 5 years ago, when I stopped over to visit, from Missouri. She proudly displayed her 'guardian angel' tattoo that she got, to mark her 92nd birthday!! She was a very welcoming woman, and full of life. That is how I remember her.

Darlene - August 28, 2025 at 09:52 PM

JM

“ Joseph M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Therese F. Schickler (Russer).

Joseph M. - August 22, 2025 at 11:16 AM

NG

“ We are so glad that we were able to get to know Therese. It was so much fun visiting with Therese, Gena and Martha sharing stories from years past. Her sweet, kind soul will be missed.
Nancy & Joe Goodman

Nancy Goodman - August 22, 2025 at 10:27 AM

LC

“ Love, Cathy, Anne, Ellen, Patty, Chris purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Therese F. Schickler (Russer).



Love, Cathy, Anne, Ellen, Patty, Chris - August 21, 2025 at 06:08 PM

WL

“ With love from the yoga ladies. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Therese F. Schickler (Russer).



With love from the yoga ladies. - August 21, 2025 at 07:59 AM

DK

“ Your mother was like a second mom to me always inviting and always laughing. I have the fondest memories of her. Dennis Kelly.

Dennis Kelly - August 20, 2025 at 04:37 PM

DK

Always allowing the neighborhood kids to join in to what they were doing as a family, she made you feel at home.

Dennis Kelly - August 21, 2025 at 03:35 PM

KI

“ To the family of my friend Therese, What can I say that hasn't already been said. Take it easy right now. Time is the only thing that will help your heart sing again. Much love. Kitty

Kitty - August 20, 2025 at 10:34 AM

AT

Thanks Kitty 🙏

Amy Thornton - August 20, 2025 at 02:34 PM

BS

Well said Kitty

barbara schickler - August 21, 2025 at 12:46 PM

MS

“ Heartfelt condolences to the entire Schlicker family. She was an iconic mom in our neighborhood growing up, there was always something fun going on at their home. May she rest in Eternal Peace with the angels and her family members who passed before her. With deepest sympathy, Mary Pat Kelly Stoltman.

mp stoltman - August 20, 2025 at 08:00 AM

AT

Hi Mary Pat
Thank you for the kind words❤️
Amy & family

Amy Thornton - August 20, 2025 at 02:32 PM

BS

Thank you Mary Pat

barbara schickler - August 21, 2025 at 12:54 PM

LW

theresa was the highlight of my lunch break at gcms. always a smile on her face. she is the one who told me the recipe for the creamed soups they made in the kitchen and how to make from 2 to hundreds of servings. i think of her every time i make one of them. i am so sorry for your loss.

Linda Wilcox - August 24, 2025 at 02:51 PM

PM

Therese was a remarkable woman who will be sadly missed by so many whose lives she touched and made better. I will be eternally grateful for the love she showed not only myself but all my family, especially my mother when she needed it most, when we were growing up next door. I send my love to her children who though I have not seen in a very long time, will always have a special place in my heart.
Patti (Horton) Miller

Patti Miller - August 27, 2025 at 11:49 PM