



## Frances Marie Bartkowiak

January 16, 1943 - January 11, 2020

Frances Marie Bartkowiak, of Warren, passed away Saturday, January 11, 2020, at the age of 76. She was born January 16, 1943 in Detroit, Michigan to the late August and Irene (nee Kustak) Bork. Beloved wife of Kenneth John Bartkowiak. Loving mother of Louise Ann, Linda Irene, and "Sammy" Bartkowiak. Predeceased by her brother Stephen Stortz and daughter Mary Ann.

Frances graduated with her CRNA license from Wayne State University and was employed at St. John Hospital and Medical Center for 30 years during which time she was also the Anesthesia Supervisor. She retired from St. John Health System in 2008 and officially retired as a CRNA in 2010. Fran loved singing, gardening, sewing, playing golf, traveling, and learning more about her Polish heritage.

Visitation Wednesday 3-8 p.m. and Thursday 2-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. Rosary at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. 11470 Thirteen Mile Road (west of Hoover) Warren. Instate Friday 10:30 a.m. until time of Mass 11 a.m. St. Malachy Catholic Church, 14115 Fourteen Mile Road (east of Schoenherr) Sterling Heights. In lieu of flowers, her family asks that you make a donation to either the Michigan Chapter of the Scleroderma Foundation or the Alzheimer's Association.

# Events

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**JAN 15**   **Visitation**   03:00PM - 08:00PM  
Wasik Funeral Home-Warren Chapel  
11470 E 13 Mile Rd, Warren, MI, US, 48093

**JAN 16**   **Visitation**   02:00PM - 08:00PM  
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**JAN 16**   **Rosary**   07:00PM  
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**JAN 17**   **Instate at Church**   10:30AM - 11:00AM  
St. Malachy  
14115 Fourteen Mile Rd, Sterling Heights, Mi, US

**JAN 17**   **Funeral Mass**   11:00AM  
St. Malachy  
14115 Fourteen Mile Rd, Sterling Heights, Mi, US

# Comments

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“ I have so many wonderful memories of Aunt Fran. We have grown up with her, my children have grown up with her. We have spent Thanksgiving, Christmas eve and Christmas day together so many years. She is such an important of our lives, with the ability to always make you feel special. She has supported our family so much. We will miss you so much. Another branch on our family tree is gone. We are glad you are no longer in pain. Don't worry about Uncle Ken and Louise and Linda, we will always be there for them. Give a hug to my dad and tell him I love him and still miss him so much. You know from our talks how true this is. RIP Aunt Fran, we love you, we miss you, you will never be forgotten. It was a beautiful day for you when God welcomed you home.

Love, Clair, Anthony, Michael, Emily and Josh and Charlie too!

**Clair Ciaravino** - January 13, 2020 at 01:54 PM

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“ When a parent dies, you lose your past.  
When a spouse dies, you lose your present.  
When a child dies, you lose your future.  
When a friend dies, you lose a piece of yourself.

LUKE 23: 42-43 (The Good Thief)  
He then said, “Jesus remember me  
when you enter into your kingdom.”  
And Jesus replied, “I assure you:  
this day you will be with me in paradise.”

What if there isn't "anymore"?

One day a husband's wife died, and on that clear,  
cold morning, in the warmth of their bedroom,  
the husband was struck with the pain of learning that  
sometimes there isn't "anymore".  
No more hugs, no more special moments to  
celebrate together, no more phone calls just to chat,  
no more "just one minute."  
Sometimes, what we care about the most gets all used  
up and goes away, never to return before we can  
say "good-bye", say "I love you".  
So while we have it, it is best we love it, care for it,  
fix it when it's broken and heal it when it's sick.  
This is true for marriage.....and old cars.....and children  
with bad report cards, and dogs with bad hips,  
and aging parents and grandparents. We keep them because  
they are worth it, because we are worth it.  
Some things we keep –  
like a best friend who moved away,  
or a fellow comrade from work after retirement.  
There are just some things that make us happy,  
no matter what.  
Life is important, like people we know who are special...  
and so, we keep them close!  
Suppose one morning  
you never wake up, do all your friends  
know you love them?  
Let every one of your friends know you love them.  
Even if you think they don't love you back.  
And just in case I'm gone tomorrow:  
Remember, I LOVE You!!!

Live today because tomorrow is not promised to anyone.  
Dave & Grace