



Bonnie Oleszkowicz

September 21, 1944 - March 29, 2025

Bonnie Sue (Chaulklin) Oleszkowicz, daughter of Lawrence and Hazel (nee Simmons) Chaulklin, the beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend passed away peacefully on March 29, 2025 surrounded by family. She was 80 years old.

Bonnie is survived by her loving husband of almost 46 years, Stanley; her children, Kelly (Karl) Heid, Kimberly Varga, Kevin Varga, Pam (Matt) Walch and Bud (Peggy) Oleszkowicz; her grandchildren, Katy, Kyle, Keri, Patrick, Matthew, and Mark; and five great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Nancy. Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters, Sally Boyd and Patti Emmendorfer, and beloved granddaughter, Kristen.

Born in San Francisco, California, Bonnie grew up in Flint, Michigan, where she attended St. Michael's School. She was one of four sisters. Bonnie had a close-knit family and often recalled the many memories shared with the Chaulklin and Barron families, including family vacations and activities that brought them together.

Bonnie's career was one of service. She worked with ALS patients in private care before becoming a clinic coordinator at the Henry Ford Harry J. Hoenselaar ALS clinic in Detroit. Bonnie had a passion for helping others, and her dedication to her work left a lasting impact on everyone she served. She

also loved working with children, assisting with Religious Education at St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, where she touched many lives with her warmth and care.

Those who knew Bonnie will always remember her sparkling eyes and contagious smile. An avid cook, Bonnie loved canning and baking, often spending hours in the kitchen preparing meals and sweets for her family and others. She was well known for bringing the family together on special days making Christmas cookies, pierogi, and kielbasa. Her warmth and generosity were evident in the way she cared for those around her.

A celebration of Bonnie's life will be held on Sunday, April 6, 2025 from 3:00-8:00 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. scripture service at Wasik Funeral Home (49150 Schoenherr Rd., Shelby Twp., MI 48315). Instate Monday from 10:30 a.m. until an 11:00 a.m. funeral mass at St. Therese of Lisieux located at 48115 Schoenherr Rd., Shelby Twp., 48315. Inurnment will take place at Resurrection Cemetery.

Donations would be appreciated to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

<https://www.cskdetroit.org/more-than-about-food>

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48035

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
49150 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315
(586) 532-8600
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

Scripture Service

APR 6. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
49150 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315
(586) 532-8600
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Instate in church

APR 7. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church
48115 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315

Funeral Mass

APR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church
48115 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315

Tribute Wall

MA

“ *What a lovely friend & neighbor. I will truly miss her.* ”



Mary Ann - April 06, 2025 at 12:22 PM



“ 273 files added to the album LifeTributes ”



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - April 06, 2025 at 10:10 AM

CK

“ *Sincere condolences to you Stanley and all family members. Bonnie was such a sweet woman. She was a straight shooter with a big heart and even bigger infectious smile. She will truly be missed. Our prayers are with you. Cathy and Mike Klein* ”

Cathy Klein - April 05, 2025 at 07:40 PM

DT

“ I worked with Bonnie at church. I will remember her sense of humor amongst other things. What a blessing she was. Condolences to her loved ones. Drew Tomasko

Drew Tomasko - April 05, 2025 at 10:37 AM

BC

“ On behalf of the Capuchin friars, I am offer condolences to the Oleszkowicz family and friends upon the death of Bonnie. I pray that Bonnie may rest in peace, and that God will comfort those who grieve her death with his mercy. The friars are truly humbled by the memorial donations made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. May the Lord give you peace.



Br. Brenton Ertel OFM, Capuchin - April 04, 2025 at 08:46 AM

AP

“ It was always fun to be anywhere near Sunbeamy Bonnie !



Al Pozdol - April 03, 2025 at 03:43 PM

KW

“ Our sincere condolences Stan and family. I loved seeing Bonnie’s smile at St Therese. She was so caring and loved all the children in catechism. She would give my kids cookies and I couldn’t remember what she called them but of course my kids did... Gorilla poop! I know she loved to bake and share! She has left some great memories that we will all treasure.
Love, Dave and Karen Walters (and the gorilla poop recipients!)

Karen Walters - April 03, 2025 at 01:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bonnie Oleszkowicz.

April 03, 2025 at 12:20 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bonnie Oleszkowicz.



April 03, 2025 at 12:20 PM



“ Cousins! Bonnie & Gaile (1997)



Gaile Keith McKinney - April 02, 2025 at 11:08 PM



“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Katy Bohlinger - April 02, 2025 at 09:59 PM

GF

“ *Graham Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bonnie Oleszkowicz.*

Graham Family - April 02, 2025 at 09:56 PM

GF

“ *Graham Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Bonnie Oleszkowicz.*



Graham Family - April 02, 2025 at 09:56 PM

KI

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Kim - April 02, 2025 at 09:23 PM

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Kim - April 02, 2025 at 09:17 PM

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Kelly Heid - April 02, 2025 at 09:05 PM

TE

“ Theresa & Elaine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bonnie Oleszkowicz.

Theresa & Elaine - April 02, 2025 at 09:05 PM

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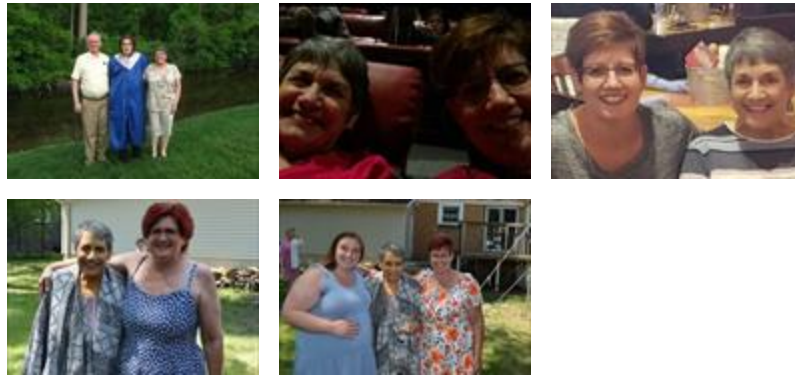
“ Theresa & Elaine purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Bonnie Oleszkowicz.



Theresa & Elaine - April 02, 2025 at 09:05 PM

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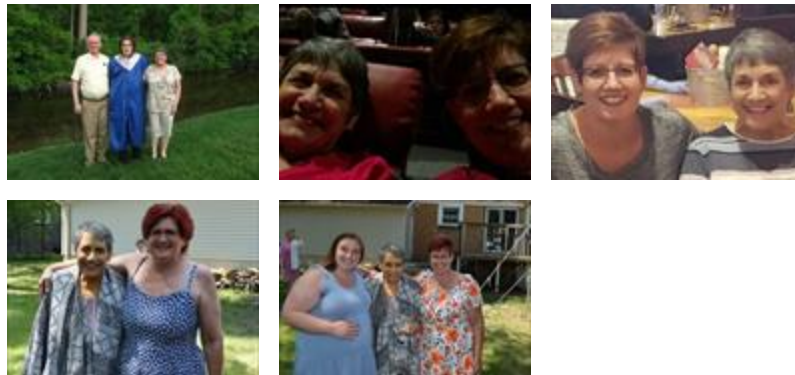
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Kelly Heid - April 02, 2025 at 09:05 PM

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Kelly Heid - April 02, 2025 at 09:03 PM

PW

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Pam W - April 02, 2025 at 08:21 PM

JM

“ Our deepest sympathy Stan, Pam, Bud and rest their families. I hope your memories of fun times will help all of you through this very sad time.

♥ Tom & Judy Marker and family

Judy Marker - April 02, 2025 at 08:11 PM



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April 02, 2025 at 12:47 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Bonnie Oleszkowicz.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bonnie Oleszkowicz.

April 02, 2025 at 12:42 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray* was purchased for the family of Bonnie Oleszkowicz.



April 02, 2025 at 12:42 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Stan and the rest of Bonnie’s family. We worked shoulder to shoulder in the Harry J Hoenselaar ALS Clinic for many years. I learned so much from her!*

Bonnie was a dynamo who ran the clinic efficiently, and lovingly. She was usually the first person a patient or family member encountered upon being diagnosed with ALS and her warm, knowledgeable demeanor assured them that they’d be well cared for. She truly loved the patients and our staff, and it was mutual.

Bonnie developed and nurtured relationships with the many outside healthcare providers and vendors needed to run a large multidisciplinary clinic. She established a culture of loyalty and reliability, which made it all possible. Bonnie was a loving force for good, and she will be missed.

Daniel S Newman MD

Daniel S Newman, MD - April 02, 2025 at 09:48 AM

DL

“ I am so very sorry to hear this devastating news, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. There is no consolation for this loss, only the love of family and friends can help ease some of the pain. The Light- Simmons family.

Dora Gómez Light - April 02, 2025 at 02:45 AM

LU

“ *To Stan and Family*
We are both sorry to hear of Bonnie death. She always had a smile on her face and willing to help anyone who needed help. She is now in heaven with the Lord and will be your guardian angel over seeing you and the family. May she rest in peace. Diane & Larry Ulanski

Larry & Diane Ulanski - April 01, 2025 at 01:19 PM



Please accept our heartfelt condolences for your loss, Stan. (((hugs))) A lifetime of memories is never enough. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. We will hold Cousin Bonnie close in heart, her laughter and love never forgotten! Sending lots of love from Arizona!
Gaile & Keith McKinney

Gaile Keith McKinney - April 02, 2025 at 11:03 PM

BS

Stan, I did not see Bonnie's obituary nor know anything about her funeral. I would have taken the day off work to be there. I am so sorry.

I am thrilled that you had so many happy wonderful years with her loving heart and beautiful smile. So many incredible pics of both of you and the family members who loved her. Clearly a happy family.

I loved exchanging food treats with Bonnie at the holiday time, we both liked to share. She was such a warm and friendly neighbor.

I remain grateful that she is no longer suffering. Slowly your heart will heal and her love will sustain you during this time of loss.

Bev Shapiro

Bev Shapiro - April 17, 2025 at 02:54 PM