



Carolyn A. Zielinski

May 19, 1947 - January 2, 2022

Carolyn A. Zielinski, of Sterling Heights, passed away on Sunday, January 2, 2022 at the age of 74. She was born May 19, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan to Stanley and Evelyn Morys.

Carolyn grew up in Detroit and attended St. Florian High School and graduated in 1965. She went on to Madonna College and earned her Bachelor's of Science Degree and became a Registered Nurse. She had a passion to take care of people but working in the hospital wasn't the perfect fit for her. She went back to school and earned her Master's Degree in Education from the University of Michigan and became a teacher. She started off her teaching career in the Fraser School District and knew she found her calling. Through the years she also taught in Warren and St. Clair Shores. Helping to shape young people's futures was quite rewarding for Carolyn. She eventually returned to Fraser and finished out her teaching career right where she started and was most comfortable.

Carolyn didn't have many hobbies, but the ones she had she took very seriously and enjoyed very much. Her family was her number one hobby. She loved to be with her family. She married her husband Robert 53 years ago and to this union they were blessed with 2 children and three grandchildren. Raising her children and watching them grow up and have families of their own made her very proud. When the grandchildren arrived she enjoyed

spending as much time with them as possible. Many memories were made through the years and will remain in the hearts of those left to carry on her legacy.

Her other passion and number 2 hobby was shopping. Carolyn loved to shop. When her health started to decline and mobility became a factor she didn't let that stop her. Her computer and online shopping became the next best thing.

Carolyn is survived by her beloved husband, Bob of 53 years. Loving mother of Rob and Kim (Erik) Wandrie. Precious grandma of Emily and Melissa Zielinski and Austin Wandrie. Dear sister of Kathy and Gloria. Special aunt of Ryan, Danielle, Lindsey, Jeremy and the late Jamie.

Due to the rising COVID concerns, services at this time are private and the family will announce a Memorial Service for Carolyn in the future. Donations in Carolyn's memory may be addressed to the Society of the Little Flower online at www.littleflower.org or by mail at: Society of the Little Flower, 1313 N. Frontage Road,
Darien, Illinois 60561-5340

Tribute Wall

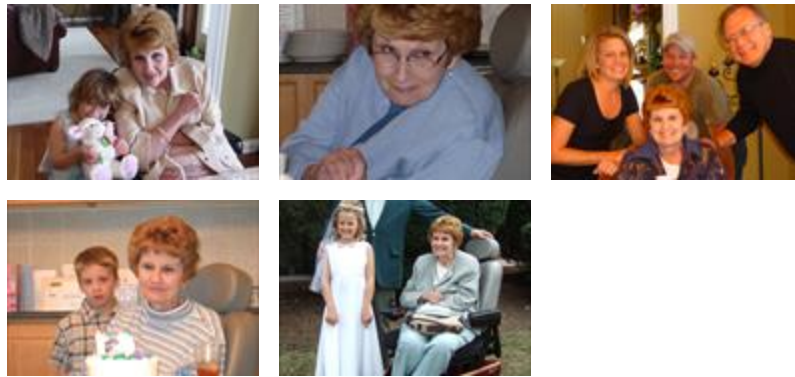
RK

“ Dear Bob, & family I'm so sad to hear of Carolyn's death. It's been a long time since we were together. She was a amazing woman, loved by all who were fortunately enough to have met her. Our prayers are with you & yours. Ray& Joyce Kunnath

Ray & Joyce Kunnath - May 13, 2022 at 05:09 PM

KW

“ 7 files added to the album Memories Album



Kim Wandrie - January 09, 2022 at 12:48 PM

RB

“ You were not only my cousin but also one of the nicest persons I've ever known. You had a big caring heart, which you displayed to my family and me regularly. While my mom (Aunt Delphine) lived in a nursing home, you visited regularly and brought gifts to her. When I was diagnosed with covid last March, you called me and expressed your concern. I truly know now that you are out of your suffering and have been reunited with those who have gone before you. May you truly be at rest and may God be with your husband Bob, your children, and the rest of your family.

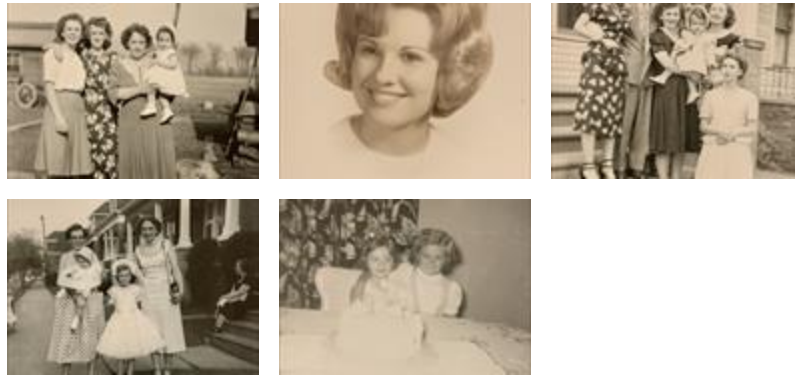
Love,

Cousin Rick (Biernat)

Rick Biernat - January 06, 2022 at 02:22 PM

JK

“ ❤️ Bee Zee



Jenny Kasprzyk - January 05, 2022 at 09:29 PM

KT

“ Bob, Rob, Kim and Family,

I was saddened when I heard of Carolyn's passing from my family there. She was a gentle soul with a heart of gold and has always been one of my favorites. Although MS took much from her, Carolyn seized life anyway and handled it with such grace. What an incredible woman. I am saying prayers for you and the entire family.

*Much Love,
Karen Kunnath Taylor*

Karen Taylor - January 05, 2022 at 05:27 PM

JB

*Rest in peace Carolyn, I'm saddened to of thought of you this morning and seen that you had passed. You had a heart of gold and didn't let MS stop you or US from getting all dolled up and getting out of "the damn house!" I enjoyed helping you, do what you loved! I know that you are free now, fly high my dear friend! You will always be missed!
Xoxo
Jennifer Battisti*

Jennifer Battisti - May 19, 2025 at 11:58 AM

KW

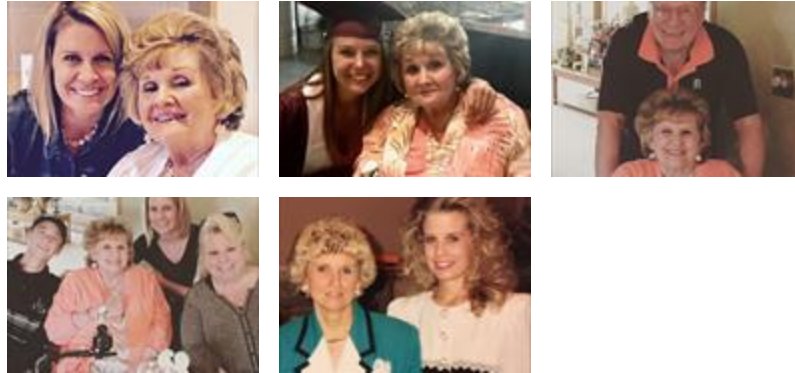
“ *When Tomorrow Starts Without Me*

When tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand. That an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand; The angel said my place was ready, In Heaven far above, And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love. But when I walked through Heaven's Gates, I felt so much at home, for God looked down, smiled at me, And told me "Welcome Home." So when tomorrow starts without me, Don't think we're far apart, for every time you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.

Kim Wandrie - January 05, 2022 at 09:15 AM

KW

“ 24 files added to the tribute wall



Kim Wandrie - January 05, 2022 at 09:07 AM

DK


“ *As they say, your cousin is your very first friend ... boy, if that isn't the truth. We have had some good times as kids all through adulthood. My best memories are sleepovers at Busia's giggling all night long; all the fun we shared in high school; getting married; having kids together; taking sewing classes and laughing at our creations. I was so proud of you when you received your nurses cap. I will never stop loving you ... you have left us too soon. Your loving cousin, Diane (Danusha)*

Diane Kasprzyk - January 04, 2022 at 11:44 PM

KO

“ You were the best sister ever. You were there for sweet Jamie and me during his three surgeries and his death. He called you Aunt Cara (which means heart) and you remain Aunt Cara with Ryan til this day. You are now with your loving nephew and I am sure that he helped you transition to your new, peaceful life. Even though you had many challenges these past years, when I received my diagnosis you would call on Sundays and ask what I wanted to eat and insisted on sending Bob to a restaurant for a dinner to bring me. I will miss you but I know that you are finally free of that awful MS and that brings me some peace. Please watch over me like you did when you were here. Love you forever, Kathy

Kathy O'Neill - January 04, 2022 at 09:34 PM

 Viola
Kowalski-
wolaitis

“ So Sorry for your loss of a Beautiful family member and especially a loving Gramma..I wish I had the chance to meet her..R.I.P Carolyn

Viola Kowalski-wolaitis - January 04, 2022 at 10:31 AM

DA

“ best cheese cake ever, she will be missed .Rest in peace

Dave - January 04, 2022 at 07:51 AM



“ Mrs Z your the reason I became a PT. Your passion for teaching was incredible. I will never forget the times I had in your class and HOSA competition. Even when you were sick your fire for teaching and life never dimmed. You will be missed

Adrian Lahr - January 04, 2022 at 06:26 AM