



## Cecilia Angela Morey

August 14, 1949 - May 8, 2026

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved and beautiful mother, Cecilia Angela Morey, who lost her battle with cancer on May 8, 2026, at the age of 76. Cecilia Angela Morey passed away peacefully, surrounded by the love of her three daughters. She lived a life defined by love, strength, resilience, and unwavering devotion to her family.

Cecilia was born on August 14, 1949, in the Jefferson-Chalmers neighborhood of Detroit, Michigan, to John and Virginia Morey. Her parents often described her as stubborn — a quality that became one of her greatest strengths throughout her life. She was the oldest daughter in a family of ten children, alongside her brother Michael. From a young age, Cecilia carried a deep sense of responsibility, helping care for and guide her younger siblings Tom, Theresa, Mary, Tim, Cathy, Steve, Anne, and Jennifer. That sense of duty and determination remained with her throughout her life.

She attended St. Martin School from first grade through high school and graduated in 1967. Raised in the Catholic faith, Cecilia sang in the church choir and carried her faith quietly and faithfully throughout her life. She formed lifelong friendships early on with Margie, Bernice, Mary, and Gertrude — friendships she treasured for decades.

Cecilia often spoke fondly of her childhood in 1950s Detroit, remembering it as

a simple and happy time. She loved riding bikes, jumping rope, and playing outside with her brothers. She cherished time spent at her Grandma Bleckman's house, and one of her favorite memories was ice skating with her father on the frozen canal during winter.

From a young age, Cecilia understood the value of hard work. At just 12 years old, she babysat and cleaned homes to earn money. By 16, she rode the bus to work as a cashier at Wrigley's grocery store on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe. That strong work ethic became one of the defining characteristics of her life.

At 18, Cecilia made the brave decision to move out on her own, renting a small one-bedroom apartment just one mile from her parents' home. It was a step toward independence she always valued. By age 19, she became a mother to her first daughter, Julie. Jacqueline followed at age 20, and Cynthia at age 22. From that moment forward, motherhood became her greatest purpose.

Cecilia was an incredible stay-at-home mother who gave everything to her daughters. She built a home grounded in love, discipline, sacrifice, and care. She taught her children responsibility, humility, the importance of hard work, saving money, and staying grounded in what matters most — family.

Later in life, Cecilia returned to work and built an impressive career. She worked at Warren Bank, then Huntington Bank, while also working a second job as a store manager at Auto Works to support her family. Through persistence and determination, she earned her SIE, Series 79, and Series 63 licenses and eventually became an investment banker. She retired from Private Banking at Huntington Bank at the age of 70, leaving behind a legacy of intelligence, perseverance, and quiet strength.

No matter her professional success, family always came first. After her father passed away at the age of 59, Cecilia devoted herself to helping care for her mother for decades with unwavering love and commitment, until her mother's passing last year at the age of 102. That level of devotion reflected who Cecilia truly was — loyal, selfless, and deeply devoted to the people she loved.

She found joy in life's simple pleasures: antiquing, flea markets, gardening, and baking. She loved to travel with her longtime partner, Steve Burns, dance, shop flea markets and antique stores along with attend live concerts. She visited Italy, Bermuda, Florida, New York, Maine, Boston and St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. She even traveled alone to Las Vegas to visit her best friend Margie, reflecting both her independence and adventurous spirit.

During the holidays, Cecilia's kitchen became the heart of the family. She baked Irish soda bread, Russian tea cakes, molasses cookies, and countless other family favorites, filling her home with warmth, comfort, and love. She was also a proud Detroit sports fan, especially devoted to the Tigers, and loved her city deeply.

At age 70, Cecilia survived breast cancer. Later, at age 73, she began her battle with stage 4 kidney cancer. Even while facing tremendous challenges, she met life with dignity, courage, and strength, never allowing illness to define her. Through every hardship, her focus remained on her family and their well-being.

In her final years, Cecilia showed a different kind of strength — one rooted in grace, presence, and unconditional love. Even on difficult days, she remained present for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Family remained the center of her world.

She taught those she loved that love does not end when life becomes difficult — it changes form. It becomes memory. It becomes presence. It becomes the strength we carry forward.

Cecilia never sought attention or recognition, but her love was steady, constant, and unwavering. She showed up every day. She sacrificed endlessly. She gave freely of herself and loved her family deeply. Her life was a testament to devotion — to family, to faith, to hard work, and to the life she built with quiet strength and enduring love.

We remember her not only for the life she lived, but for the legacy she leaves behind — in her daughters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family, and all who knew her. A legacy of love, strength, and perseverance that will continue through all of us.

She is survived by her three cherished daughters, Julie (John) Yestrepky, Jacqueline (Matthew) Goyette, and Cynthia (Tony) Zambito. She was a loving and devoted grandmother to Paul (Ranya) Zambito, Alexandra (Davide) Uccello, Jonathan (Valeria) Yestrepky, Zachary Yestrepky, Nathaniel Yestrepky, Helena Petrouleas, David Petrouleas, and Lauren Petrouleas. She was also a proud great-grandmother, lovingly known as “Gigi,” to Angelo Uccello, Luciano Uccello, and Antonino Zambito. She is also survived by her beloved siblings Michael, Tom, Theresa, Mary, Tim, Cathy, Steve, Anne, and Jennifer; her sisters-in-law Ginger (David) Colling and Patty (Tony) Hoeffel; and her brother-in-law Dennis Colling.

She will be deeply missed, forever loved, and always remembered.

A memorial visitation will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2026, beginning at 11 a.m. and concluding with a 2 p.m. Rosary, at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc.,

11470 Thirteen Mile Road (West of Hoover) Warren. Instate Monday, May 18, 2026, from 10 a.m. until a 10:30 a.m. Memorial Mass at St. Faustina Catholic Church, 14205 Twelve Mile Road (East of Schoenherr) Warren. Cecilia will be laid to rest near her parents at Mt. Olivet Cemetery at a later date.

Family is asking that in lieu of flowers, to please make a donation in her name to Homes For Our Troops 6 Main Street, Taunton, MA 02780, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

\*\*Please note 13 Mile Road Eastbound is closed between Van Dyke and Hoover due to construction. Please access the funeral home parking lot by heading West on 13 Mile Road past Hoover.\*\*

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

17100 Van Dyke @ 6 Mile Rd.  
Detroit, MI 48234

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

MAY 17. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Warren  
11470 Thirteen Mile Road  
Warren, MI 48093  
(586) 751-3131  
warren@wasikfuneralhome.com

## Rosary

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## **Instate in church**

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St. Faustina Catholic Church  
14025 12 Mile Road  
Warren, MI 48088

## **Memorial Mass**

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# Tribute Wall

KR

“ Sending my condolences to Steve, Cecilia’s family and friends. My mom, Bonnie, worked with “Ceese” at Huntington Bank and stayed in touch through the years. My mom valued Cecilia’s friendship dearly. Cecilia was an amazing woman! May you honor her by holding her memory close to your hearts and celebrate her life and legacy each and every day.

Krisdena Reeser - June 02 at 01:20 PM

TM

“ Tim M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cecilia Angela Morey.

Tim M. - May 17 at 07:12 AM

TB

“ Tom, Erin and Bill purchased the Glorious Grace Bouquet for the family of Cecilia Angela Morey.



Tom, Erin and Bill - May 16 at 07:55 PM

TB

“ Tom, Erin and Bill planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cecilia Angela Morey.

Tom, Erin and Bill - May 16 at 07:55 PM

GA

“ Cecilia was so welcoming to the five of us who transferred to St. Martin after St. Bernard closed our senior year. Her smile captured it all! May she rest in peace. Gail Gatliff

gail - May 16 at 05:50 PM

LB

“ Lauren C niece to her partner Steve B purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Cecilia Angela Morey.



Lauren C niece to her partner Steve B - May 16 at 05:06 PM

CC

“ Some of my fondest memories are sitting around the bonfire in Lexington and listening to Aunt Cec tell stories. Her retelling of everyday events gave us a glimpse into her unique, common sense perspective of the human condition. With her attention to detail, wit, and intelligence she could turn anything into a hilarious story!

Thank you, Aunt Cec, for sharing your humor, gardening advice, and delicious cooking. I'll always think about you glowing over a vat of mashed potatoes (the best I've ever had) and carving a humongous turkey. I love you so very much. Until we meet again...



Christine Colling - May 16 at 09:27 AM

SM

“ My sister Cec had a huge heart and a never-ending love for her family. She was the feisty rock of the Morey clan and was always there to support us. Her home-cooked meals and hospitality were second to none. I will miss her dearly. May her soul rest in eternal peace. —Steve Morey

Steve Morey - May 14 at 10:09 AM



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

May 14 at 09:54 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Cecilia Angela Morey.



May 14 at 09:54 AM

SS

“ Stephanie, Shayan & Kaveh Sima purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Cecilia Angela Morey.



Stephanie, Shayan & Kaveh Sima - May 13 at 01:26 PM

SS

“ Stephanie, Shayan & Kaveh Sima planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cecilia Angela Morey.

Stephanie, Shayan & Kaveh Sima - May 13 at 01:26 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cecilia Angela Morey.



May 13 at 11:31 AM

BV

“ I got to know Cecilia so much more after a Neighborhood reunion many yrs ago after her divorce i invited her to Florida to visit and she would come every winter and stay with us we shared our love of antiques cooking dancing and even got her to Kareoke with me. We also continued to go to reunions together. I am saddened by her passing but inspired by her courage during her battle with cancer.

Bernice Vankeirsbilck - May 13 at 08:08 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Cecilia Angela Morey.



May 12 at 07:32 PM



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“ I had the pleasure of visiting with Cecilia during her short stay at my work facility Shelby Rehab after she had a short hospital stay. The first morning after her stay I visited her room & she had already showered by herself, got dressed & had a "ready to go" spirit! As a therapist I really appreciated this attitude! Though she was mildly weak, she exhibited a fierce independence nature & politely tolerated my encouragements I admired Cecilia for her projection of true inner strength & no nonsense attitude. A true fighter! I know her spirit will live on with her family!!!

Brenda M Rugenski - May 12 at 01:13 PM



I said to hear that she had struggled with cancer and passed away. I share many memories with her and her brother Mike my thoughts and prayers are with all the family. He rest in peace. 🙏

Karen Oram - May 12 at 08:59 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cecilia Angela Morey.



May 12 at 01:08 PM



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

May 12 at 01:08 PM



“ Michael Morey purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Cecilia Angela Morey.



Michael Morey - May 11 at 06:00 PM



“ Kathy Falk and Dan Goyette purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Cecilia Angela Morey.



Kathy Falk and Dan Goyette - May 11 at 03:20 PM