



Kathleen Gail LaForest

September 4, 1941 - February 19, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Kathleen Gail LaForest, affectionately known as "Punkie" to her family and friends. Kathleen passed away peacefully on February 19th, 2026, in Chesterfield Township, Michigan, at the age of 84. Born on September 4th, 1941, in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, she lived a life filled with love, joy, and community spirit.

Kathleen was a beloved mother and grandmother, survived by her cherished daughter Bridget LaForest and son Brian LaForest, along with his wife Rhiannon, and her treasured granddaughter Sarah. Her legacy of love and laughter continues through her siblings: Eleanor "Toots" (the late Carl) Holland, Robert "Bobby" (Patty) Buchman, Diane "Annie" (the late Cal) LaForest, Yvonne (David) Timma, and sister-in-law Vickie Buchman. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews who will fondly remember her vibrant spirit.

Preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Eleanor Buchman, as well as her siblings Ralph "Scook" (the late Lena) Buchman, Linda "Lindy" (Robert) Allen, Donna "Dodo" (the late James) McLaughlin, and Henry "Mike" Buchman, Kathleen joins them in eternal rest.

Kathleen's career as a bus driver was marked by dedication and warmth, qualities that endeared her to colleagues and passengers alike. A social

butterfly at heart, she was actively engaged in her local community and found great joy in attending festivals and events. Outside of these gatherings, she delighted in traveling, gardening, and spending time outdoors, embracing all that nature had to offer.

Family and friends are invited to honor Kathleen's life at a Memorial Mass to be held at St. Hubert's Catholic Parish Church in Harrison Township, MI, on Saturday, February 28th, 2026, at 11:00 am. A Memorial Visitation will precede the service from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at the same location. Arrangements are being handled by Wasik Funeral Home in New Baltimore, Michigan

Memorial donations may be directed to The Facial PAIN Association:

<https://wl.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E9112&id=10&cfid=23%3E>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Hubert's Catholic Parish Church
38775 Prentiss Street
Harrison Township, MI 48045-2652

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ Victoria A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Gail LaForest.

Victoria A. - April 03 at 10:38 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kathleen Gail LaForest.



February 24 at 07:44 AM