



## Barbara J. Lanahan

November 7, 1933 - July 3, 2015

Barbara J. Lanahan, age 81, of Waterford, formerly of Royal Oak, passed away July 3, 2015 in San Diego, California. She was born November 7, 1933 in Jacksonville, Illinois. Mrs. Lanahan graduated from the University of Detroit and was a member of Sigma Delta Sorority. She formerly worked as an administrator for the Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School in Bloomfield Hills. She also was a longtime parishioner of Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Clawson. She was the beloved wife of the late James F. Lanahan (d. 2000); the couple married June 12, 1954 at St. Vincent de Paul in Pontiac; loving mother of James T. (Karen), Robert M. (Teresa), Richard S., Jeffrey C. and the late Michael W.; proud grandmother of six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Visitation Wednesday 6-8 p.m. and Thursday 2-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. prayer service at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak. In state Friday 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass 10 a.m. at the Chapel at Canterbury on the Lake, 5601 Hatchery Road, Waterford. Burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorials to the National Hemophilia Foundation ([www.hemophilia.org](http://www.hemophilia.org)) are appreciated. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W. 10 Mile Road  
10 Mile Road @ Beech Road  
Southfield, MI 48033

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
royal@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Visitation

JUL 9. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
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## Prayer Service

JUL 9. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Mass

JUL 10. 10:00 AM (ET)

Chapel at Canterbury on the Lake  
5601 Hatchery Road  
Waterford, MI 48329

# Tribute Wall

JL

“ I periodically check this page. Thanks for the last 2 yrs especially and thank you Jeff for all you did!

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**jim lanahan** - April 12, 2018 at 11:02 AM

JL

Mom,  
Rick just died 😞.  
Now he's with you,dad @ Mickey

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**jim lanahan** - September 13, 2021 at 09:03 PM

RB

“ You my dear friend will never leave my heart or mind.We've shared laughter,tears and oh yes sarcasm for a lotta years !!! We were great at that one!!! When Miss Barbara walked in her presence was known,and we never had to wonder what she was thinking because she'd tell us,with a laugh & a smile.I was blessed having you in my life.We always ended our conversations with " LOVE YOU " there is nothing more to say.

*Roberta Burgin XO*

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**roberta burgin** - July 10, 2015 at 07:48 PM

RB

“ *Barbara, my Mentor and Friend at Cranbrook and beyond. Such a classy lady who was not afraid to speak her mind but was also so much fun! She loved her family and spoke often of them. Jeff, you did so much for her there was nothing she lacked. I have fond memories of attending a party you gave her at your Waterford home in the summer for a few of Barb's close friends were we ate and drank a lot (we all know how Barb loved her scotch!) and went swimming in the pool and out on the pontoon boat "named after Barb" for a relaxing ride on the lake. And you ordered a big cake with her name on it!*

*So many more memories to numerous to mention. We here will miss her a lot; but I am sure she is having a good time now in no pain as she rejoins Jim & Mic for the biggest party yet!*

*Rosemary Brooks*

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**Rosemary Brooks** - July 09, 2015 at 10:49 AM

MK

“ *I will so miss this dear lady. We had so much fun working together and the many laughs we shared. She will be greatly missed by me and many others in the Cranbrook Community. She is with her dear Jim and Mic, who she missed so much. Rest in Peace Barb.*

*Love,*

*Maryagnes Van Klaveren*



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**Maryagnes Van Klaveren** - July 09, 2015 at 09:46 AM

ML

“ *Mary Lambrix lit a candle in memory of Barbara J. Lanahan*



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**Mary Lambrix** - July 09, 2015 at 08:34 AM

ML

*Barb always had a ready smile to greet us.....a wonderful (past) member of Guardian Angels. She is certainly missed already. God bless all. Mary Lambrix (G.A.)*

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**Mary Lambrix** - July 09, 2015 at 08:37 AM

JL

“ *Jim and Karen Lanahan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara J. Lanahan.*



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**Jim and Karen Lanahan** - July 09, 2015 at 07:53 AM

BH

“ *Laughter uplifts the heart, and Barb brought happiness to all those around her with her joyous laugh. Whenever I think of her I see her smiling and laughing; just as she did all those years at Cranbrook. She was a dear soul and a happy person to work with. Barb had a smile for me everyday as we passed in the halls at Kingswood. I'm sure she has all the angels smiling and laughing now.*

*God's loves and mine,  
Beth Holland*

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**Beth Holland** - July 08, 2015 at 04:03 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Lanahan.*



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July 08, 2015 at 10:40 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Lanahan.*



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July 08, 2015 at 10:04 AM



“ *Barbara was on the Board of St. Francis Family Services when I met her. When later, after a year of discussion and a decision to merge that agency into Catholic Social Services of Oakland County; she was the only one to accept our invitation to join our Board of Directors. She took her responsibility seriously- serving on the Program Review and Development Committees. When we needed this resource or that connection- Barbara would reach out to her many contacts to help us. Barbara was helped in her membership by Jeff and his partner in attending the Gala, and anything else we had going on. As a Board member, Barbara was an active, committed participant and I really enjoyed her involvement with CSSOC. I visited her at Canterbury and she was really pleased with the placemen; and it was clear that the staff truly loved her joyful attitude. Marge Huggard, (Former) President of Catholic Social Services of Oakland County.*

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**Marge Huggard** - July 08, 2015 at 09:52 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Lanahan.*



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July 08, 2015 at 07:55 AM



“ *Thank you Jeff for filling your Mom's last few with the fullness of life she endlessly exuded onto those of us blessed enough to know her. Memories from long ago, let's say 35+ years to be kind, of endless nights playing euchre, bridge was for those "old farts", whisky and water, (a coke for Jim), the outrageous, infectious, raucous laugh, and an "Oh shit Dennis" (O'Donnel) thrown in just so we knew she was there. A rock and a soft shoulder for my mom, Barb Kirtok (Wright), for oh so many years. Barb Lanahan, the joie de vivre, (again, that laugh!), more than a memory, she lives forever in our hearts. Not enough can be said. Mike Wright & family.*

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**Mike Wright** - July 08, 2015 at 07:21 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Lanahan.*



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July 07, 2015 at 05:30 PM

DC

“ Jeff, we are so sorry to hear about your mom's passing. We will always remember sitting in her apartment with her, sharing a few cocktails and enjoying more than a few laughs! She would be happy to share the company of her beautiful cat with us and the stories she would tell us about all of her travels with you and David! She was very proud of her family, her work at Cranbrook the memories of her late husband... All the great memories she shared with us. She will be forever in our hearts.

May you find comfort in the memories your mom has given you. ❤️

Mike & Diane Cotter

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**Diane Cotter** - July 07, 2015 at 05:06 PM