



## Brigitte Clara Turrel

August 14, 1947 - March 24, 2022

### Brigitte Turrel Obituary

Brigitte Clara Turrel, age 74, died Thursday, March 24, after a short illness. Born August 14, 1947, in Recklinghausen, Germany, to parents William and Brigitte Wienecke, she immigrated first to Canada and then the United States as a young child. Brigitte grew up in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, attending high school and then Wayne State University, majoring in Education with degrees in German, Spanish and English. Brigitte earned her Master's Degree from Oakland University. Brigitte taught German, Spanish and English for twenty five years at Utica Community schools, retiring in 2002. Brigitte also sponsored student groups to Europe during her teaching career. She and her husband David, a principal in Utica schools, traveled extensively all over the United States and to many international destinations. Being avid boaters, the couple sailed on twenty-five cruises during their retirement and enjoyed boating in the Great Lakes. Brigitte and David resided in Shelby Township, Michigan; Payson, Arizona; and most recently in Algonac, Michigan, during their twenty-seven years of marriage.

Brigitte was a kind, loving person, beloved and respected by her students and fellow staff. Brigitte is especially remembered for her quick smile and infectious laugh by all who met her. She was a loving mentor to her grandchildren, reflecting her Christian values and positive attitude.

Brigitte is survived by her husband, David, of Algonac Michigan; Four children: Caryn Turrel (Jeff Kabzinski), Richard Smith (Shelley), Mark Smith (Kaiden),

and Stephanie Pegg. Brigitte is also survived by ten grandchildren: Meghan Miller, Ben Kabzinski, Lydia Kabzinski, Sophia Smith, Christian Pegg, Elizabeth Miller, Sterling Smith, Kathryn Pegg, Ethan Smith, and Crystal Smith.

Funeral arrangements: Visitation, Wednesday, March 31, 3-8 pm, Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke), Utica, MI . Funeral service, Thursday March 31, at Shepherd's Gate Church, 12400 23 Mile, Shelby Twp. MI. Visitation at 10 am, service begins at 11 am. Burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East, 38425 Garfield Rd, Clinton Twp. MI. Funeral service will also be available online from Shepherd's Gate at the following link ~ <http://livestream.com/Sgatechurch/events/10015465> Memorial donations should be directed to the Utica Community Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence.

# Cemetery Details

## Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Cemetery

38425 Garfield Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 30. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Visitation

MAR 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Shepherd's Gate Church  
12400 23 Mile Rd.  
Shelby Twp., MI 48315

## Funeral Service

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MAR 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

Shepherd's Gate Church  
12400 23 Mile Rd.  
Shelby Twp., MI 48315

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Live stream Brigitte Turrel in memory of Brigitte Clara Turrel*



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**Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors** - March 28, 2022 at 10:10 AM

AA

“ *Dave,  
I am so sorry to hear about Brigitte. She was always very kind to me whenever we would meet. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.*

*Alicia Aniel*

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**Alicia Aniel** - March 30, 2022 at 12:36 PM

FS

“ *I worked with Brigitte at Eppler. She was kind and friendly and always had a smile for you. Hang in there, Dave. My thoughts are with you.*

*Fred Strauss*

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**Fred Strauss** - March 30, 2022 at 08:40 AM

LS

“ Love, Rich, Shelley, Sophia & Sterling purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Brigitte Clara Turrel.



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**Love, Rich, Shelley, Sophia & Sterling** - March 29, 2022 at 08:06 PM

KK

“ Brigitte was so kind to me when I started teaching at Stevenson. Everyone loved her--she was so sweet and funny and will truly be missed.

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**Kristen Khamis** - March 28, 2022 at 11:57 AM

IB

*I have 70 years of great memories. My fondist were the summers in Emeryville on the lake and being with our friends and just ha ing a good time. We had many throughout the years and I will miss her deeply. She was a good person and always made you smile. Prayers for her and her family. 🙏😭💕*

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**Ingrid Ingrid Buechel** - March 31, 2022 at 11:34 AM

JA

*Dave, in Bob's name I/we express our sincerest sympathies. It is nice to think of you enjoying Bob's home town of Algonac. God bless you & all of the family. I wish I would have known Brigitte.*  
Jo Ames

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**Joanne Ames** - April 01, 2022 at 07:32 PM

MI

“ Brigitte and I were teaching colleagues at Heritage many moons ago. I will always remember her as a very caring person with a beautiful smile and wonderful laugh. Brigitte was such an asset to our staff. Her students were always her first concern and she created such a great learning atmosphere. She will forever be a special member of our Heritage family. I am grateful that our paths crossed. She was loved by all and will remain in our thoughts and prayers forever.

*Mike Shaw*

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**MikeShaw** - March 27, 2022 at 06:49 PM

LB

“ Brigitte was my colleague in World Language at Heritage Junior High School for a few years. I will never ever forget her - as she was always a professional - but such a compassionate and fun-loving person. She only spent part of her day at Heritage - she travelled over from Eppler JH on a daily basis. But in spite of her many preps, she was consistently positive - always smiling and cheerful. Her students thoroughly enjoyed learning Spanish and English in her classroom - plus she always looked fabulous in her many beautiful outfits. I remember travelling with her to the Michigan World Language Conference in East Lansing and along with some of the ladies of Heritage, going on shopping sprees together. RIP dear Brigitte. Prayers for you and yours! You will be so missed - by so many.

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**Linda Boehmer** - March 27, 2022 at 11:04 AM