



Carmen Behnke

September 21, 1949 - December 6, 2024

Carmen Behnke, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, and sister, passed away peacefully on December 6, 2024, at the age of 75. Born on September 21, 1949, Carmen lived a life filled with love, creativity, and cherished family moments.

She is survived by her devoted husband, David Behnke Sr.; her loving children, David Jr. (Sarah) Behnke and Matthew (Jennifer) Behnke; and her adored grandchildren, Samantha, Emma, Rachel, and Jovani. Carmen will also be deeply missed by her loving mother, Benedetta Benenati and her siblings, Memi (Jerry) Yatros, Sebastian (Jane) Benenati, and Anthony (Maria) Benenati. She is preceded in death by her father, Anthony Benenati.

Carmen had a passion for exploring the arts, finding joy in hobbies such as ceramics and painting. She delighted in solving word searches and puzzles and never missed out on an opportunity to try something new. An avid fan of old western films, she found comfort in their timeless charm and shared her love for them with those around her.

Her Saturdays were sacred, dedicated to making memories with her grandchildren, who brought her immense pride and happiness. Carmen also looked forward to her trips to Florida to visit her family, as well as outings to Stony Creek, where the simple pleasures of nature, good food, and togetherness enriched her days.

Carmen's warmth, kindness, and unwavering dedication to her family leave a legacy of love that will be treasured by all who knew her. Her presence was a

gift, and her memory will forever remain in the hearts of those she touched. A visitation will be held on Friday, December 13, 2024, from 2-8pm at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall rd. (3blks. E. of Van Dyke), in Utica. A funeral service will be held the following day, Saturday, December 14, 2024, with instate at 10am until the time of the funeral service at 11am at Trinity Lutheran Church in Utica. A burial will take place immediately following the funeral service at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park East Cemetery in Macomb Township. May she rest in eternal peace, surrounded by the love she so freely gave in life.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **13.** 2:00 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/>

Instate

DEC **14.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
45160 Van Dyke
Utica, MI 48317

Funeral Service

DEC **14.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
45160 Van Dyke
Utica, MI 48317

Burial

DEC **14.** 12:30 PM (ET)

Glen Eden Memorial Park - East
19810 26 Mile Rd
Macomb Township, MI 48042-1204

Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Carmen Behnke Funeral Service Livestream in memory of Carmen Behnke*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - December 09, 2024 at 11:39 AM

DK

“ *Deborah K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carmen Behnke.*

Deborah K. - December 14, 2024 at 09:23 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carmen Behnke.*

December 13, 2024 at 03:31 PM

CW

“ *Cpt. Don W8CPT purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Carmen Behnke.*



Cpt. Don W8CPT - December 13, 2024 at 11:53 AM

AV

“ Anthony V. purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Carmen Behnke.



Anthony V. - December 09, 2024 at 11:34 AM

LM

“ Love always, Mom purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Carmen Behnke.



Love always, Mom - December 09, 2024 at 11:15 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Carmen Behnke.



December 09, 2024 at 11:07 AM

CK

“ Chris-Darrin, Terri-Ken, Kelly-Mike planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carmen Behnke.

Chris-Darrin, Terri-Ken, Kelly-Mike - December 09, 2024 at 10:26 AM

CK

“ *Chris-Darrin, Terri-Ken, Kelly-Mike purchased the Stately Lilies for the family of Carmen Behnke.*



Chris-Darrin, Terri-Ken, Kelly-Mike - December 09, 2024 at 10:26 AM

SJ

“ *I remember her infectious enthusiasm for life and constant smiles. I know that her traits were passed along to her loving family.*

Susan Joseph - December 09, 2024 at 10:22 AM

VM

“ *I will always treasure our talks and laughter together. I admired her for her dedication to God.
She was a joyful and beautiful person to know.
I will deeply miss her.
With love, Victoria (Caregiver)*

VICTORIA MALUGIN - December 08, 2024 at 01:31 PM

DB

“ *52 plus years of memories many good ones I loved you through it all
God said you have suffered enough at took you home to be with Jesus and eternal peace
Your loving husband
Dave*

David Behnke - December 08, 2024 at 12:24 PM