



Carol Ann Cauley

March 16, 1937 - January 25, 2025

Carol Ann Cauley (nee Everson) took the hand of Jesus January 25, 2025 to her eternal home with Him with a joyous heart for her Savior's resurrection promise. She reached out for her Lord's hand upon her last breath with her children by her side at her home of 58 years in Washington Twp., MI. Peace was present on her precious face after a brief yet spiritual faith courage to pancreatic cancer.

Carol Ann, sweetest child of God, was born March 16, 1937 to parents Raymond Everson and Violet Everson (nee Crete) at home on Parkgrove in Detroit, Michigan.

Adored and cherished Wife to William (Bill) Cauley for 57 years prior to her One And Only Love's passing in 2012. Bill and Carol were joyfully married March 25, 1955 at St. Rita's Catholic Church in Detroit. They were teenage sweethearts introduced by God's designed happenstance after Sunday Mass at a favorite corner malt shop. Mom and Dad were true Love Birds and called each other Snugglebunny throughout their beautiful marriage of love and devotion.

Most precious perfect loving Mother to Kenneth her first born (dec'd 2003) Cauley (Linda), devoted youngest son Michael (Perri) Cauley, daughter Sheryl (Mike dec'd 2021) O'Donnell.

Beloved treasured Grandma to Christina (Mat) Mitchell, Kenneth (Valerie) Cauley, Anna (Jon) Durham, Jaclyn Cauley, Danielle Cauley.

Sweet gentle Great Grandma to Lucas and Jacob Mitchell, Vivian and Victoria

Cauley, Jonathan and Aiden Durham.

Aunt to Marilyn, Terri, Tim (dec'd 2011), Steve, Nora, Joe, Jim, Mary, Jessica, Sarah, Tiffany.

Mom was the fifth child in her Everson family and was preceded in death by parents and siblings Jewell, Betty, Gordon and Calvin. She was nicknamed by her older brothers and sisters as Curly Ann for her golden blonde curled locks of hair. Mom's parents owned Everson 5 & 10 store on St. Clair at the corner of Charlevoix in Detroit for many years until the early 1950's. She attended the elementary school across the street from the store and after school she had to work in the store alongside her Mom. She mostly did the candy counter as a small child, but as she grew older her duties in the store increased especially since her father became too ill to work. Mom was very smart, she graduated from Denby High in Detroit in 1954 a year early having achieved an above average grade point and surplus business credit accomplishments. As a teen after the 5 & 10 store closed, Mom contributed to family income working at a theatre selling tickets, cashier at Big Bear Grocery all awhile taking the trolley cars to and fro. Before her graduation she secured work as an executive secretary to both a lawyer and insurance agent typing, Dictaphone and shorthand until Dad and she married. Mom was a parttime Realtor 1973-1975 but ended her pocket change fun job as the fulltime loving caretaker to Dad's aging parents and aunt selflessly for 13 years. Her family heritage is Irish, Norwegian on Everson side and French, Canadian and Micmac Indian of Nova Scotia Canada on Crete side. Her grandson once told her, "Grandma, you are a mut!" She laughed in her wonderful sense of humor and agreed. Mom was deeply committed to her Lord and to His ways: to love selflessly and unconditionally, with patience and understanding, kindness and compassion, charity, humility. She always offered herself wholly with the purest of Christian love to family and all. To know Mom's life is to know Corinthians 13:1-13. Until her recent illness at nearly 88 years old, Mom kneeled at her bedside each morning in prayer of thanksgiving and prayers for others in need. She drew great strength saying her rosary each day. Dad and Mom were attending

members of SS John and Paul Catholic Parish since it's founding in 1980. Our precious sweet Mom had the exceptional loving soul of an angel; she is so beautiful in appearance with her pretty blue eyes, a gentle smile that warmed you instantly, a soft voice that was calming and her endearing embraces always saying, "I love you!" in each gathering or phone call, the sharing of her beloved faith and teaching us each how to love, forgive and to be genuinely kind like Christ is a treasured gift of hers that will not be lost to her family with the passage of time. We surely grieve her ever loving presence in our lives today but are joyful with her that she has received her eternal peace with God, Dad and her son Kenny in our Lord's heavenly kingdom. We are all so blessed to have had her as our Mom, thanks be to God for sharing her with us through His Most Holy Grace.

Carol's family will receive friends for visitation on Wednesday, January 29th from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica. She will lie in state at 10:30 a.m. until the time of her funeral mass at 11:00 a.m. at S.S. John and Paul Catholic Church, 7777 West 28 Mile Road, Washington Township, Michigan. Interment Christian Memorial Gardens West Cemetery, Rochester Hills. Please share a story or leave a tribute at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Christian Memorial Gardens West

521 E. Hamlin Road
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 29. 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/>

Prayer and Rosary Service

JAN 29. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Instate At Church

JAN **30**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

SS. John and Paul Catholic Church
7777 West 28 Mile Road
Washington, MI 48094

Funeral Mass

JAN **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SO

“ *Memorial written by and read aloud by Victoria Cauley (age10) for her Great Grandma Cauley Jan. 29, 2025, with family and friends present after conclusion of 6pm prayer service at Sullivan Funeral Home.*

*Grandma was always very special to me. Sometimes, I felt like she was the only one that really understood me. She was so funny and always said the right things to make someone feel better. She liked the ugly art I used to make with ribbons and lots of scotch tape. She was very smart, and she was the only person I knew who could spell supercalifragilisticexpialidocious. Grandma meant so so very much to all of us. When she started to get sick, it was heartbreaking. But now she is in the best spot she can be, so I guess we can be both happy and sad.
Thank you.*

Sheryl O'Donnell - February 04, 2025 at 08:48 AM

SO

“ Memorial written by and read aloud by Vivian Cauley (age 11) for her Great Grandma Cauley Jan. 29, 2025, with family and friends present after conclusion of 6 pm prayer service at Sullivan Funeral Home.

Grandma Cauley

Grandma Cauley was one of the most loving, caring people I know. I look forward to when I will be able to see her again. She always had a way of making me feel loved and special, and she would find the perfect cards for holidays and birthdays.

We corresponded by letter, because she often wasn't feeling well, and wasn't up to visits, and besides, it's fun to get mail that isn't from someone who's trying to sell you something. I remember one time when I gave her a picture of two baby bunnies. She said in a letter: "What a magnificent drawing of a mother rabbit and her two little baby bunnies! The one bunny is looking up at his mother makes me think of you + Victoria and the way you look at your Mother." That's Grandma for you. So sweet.

I often added little pictures to my letters for her. One time, I drew some temporary tattoos I got on Fourth of July, and another, I drew my Christmas presents. She liked those pictures.

Grandma being Grandma, she would regularly tell me how talented I am.

We had this one thing that we would often joke about. There was a woodchuck that caused no end of damage to her house. It was very annoying. In one of her letters, Grandma said about it, "It sure is nice to be outside and hear the birds. But I do not want to see that ugly woodchuck around my house." It was, as we referred to it, "the fat, ugly woodchuck". More than once, I offered to take my bow and arrow and head over to her house to shoot-it dead with once and for all, and more than once she asked me to. I think it was in jest, but I'm not sure.

Grandma walked closely with Jesus, and it shined through in her personality. In one of her letters, she said, "I like to pray... I pray every single day and I know that Jesus answers many of my prayers." She was never preachy, but she sure helped me to grow

closer to Jesus.

I love Grandma, and I'll miss her, but I know she's in heaven with her savior, and no longer feels sick or tired. And that is the best thing to ever happen to her.

Sheryl O'Donnell - February 04, 2025 at 08:41 AM

KC

“*Carol, dearest Mom of my BFF and truest friend of both me and my late husband, Donald. Carol is the only person I have never heard say a bad thought about anyone. She truly is a kind gentle loving person! Many great memories with Carol and Bill, Sheryl and Mike, have been made over 45 years dining out, evenings visiting. So many good times having lunch with Carol, Sheryl and I at Mexican Village, one of our favorites of course was the margaritas together. Carol has a special spot reserved in the hands of God. Rest in Peace my dearest friend, Carol.*
With all my love, Karen Charles”

Karen Charles - February 04, 2025 at 08:31 AM

LF

“*Love, The Alayoubi and Pallotta Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Ann Cauley.*”

Love, The Alayoubi and Pallotta Family - January 29, 2025 at 01:56 PM

LF

“*Love, The Alayoubi and Pallotta Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Carol Ann Cauley.*”



Love, The Alayoubi and Pallotta Family - January 29, 2025 at 01:56 PM



“ Love-The Houttekier Family purchased the County Basket Blooms for the family of Carol Ann Cauley.



Love-The Houttekier Family - January 29, 2025 at 09:37 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carol Ann Cauley.

January 29, 2025 at 08:30 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Carol Ann Cauley.



January 29, 2025 at 08:30 AM

SO

“ *Sharing a beautiful tribute written by grandson, Ken Cauley, it was posted on his LinkedIn.*

The beautiful, angelic elderly woman posing with a smile passed away yesterday.

Her name was Carol.

She was the matriarch of her family. In this captured moment of Heaven on Earth is four generations of women representing nearly a century of shared love.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34

She understood the 'assignment' and she was the best at it. She set the family standard for this command. I assure you, she set it very, very high.

Like most, her entire life was filled with both deep valleys and high mountains. Her heart was filled with so much love and kindness that every experience, high and low, was used to sanctify her soul and set the family standard that much higher.

Her purpose in Him was clear. She reflected the light and love of Christ for her family her entire life.

In her last days and minutes, struggling to breath and barely conscious, the only gasping words she was able to mutter were those thanking Jesus and asking Him to take her home.

Even in the end, her faith was used to glorify her Father in Heaven to all those in her family who stood by her side for comfort and say their goodbyes. A parting gift to her loved ones. A seed planted that will continue to produce fruit and revelation for years to come.

Now, with a job well done, she has been called home. And in the end, His promise, the same promise made to all who call on the name of the Lord, was made good.

This woman, Carol, is my grandmother.

Why is this posted on LinkedIn? How is it possibly relevant?

LinkedIn's mission statement is "to connect the world's professionals to make them more productive and successful". The vision statement is "to create economic opportunity for every member of the global workforce".

How can this tiny snapshot of my grandmother's legacy of faith, love and kindness help all those who see this post?

Perhaps you simply needed a smile today. Perhaps it reminds you to not miss your child's baseball game. Spend more time with your spouse? Perhaps it reminds you of why you work so hard? Or to work harder? Perhaps it inspires you to better define your purpose. Or to persevere through your valley or to treasure your mountain. Maybe to remind you that we're here to serve others. Or maybe you need to build your faith?

You know what you need. What you're missing. Where to offer gratitude and praise. How and where to give back. Where you're falling short. The strongholds on your life.

Maybe, just maybe, my grandmother can help you too.

I, for one, will honor her legacy, and His sacrifice, to the best of my ability.

Sheryl O'Donnell - January 29, 2025 at 07:52 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carol Ann Cauley.

January 28, 2025 at 04:37 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Carol Ann Cauley.



January 28, 2025 at 04:37 PM



“ Jodi Roelofs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Ann Cauley.

Jodi Roelofs - January 28, 2025 at 04:28 PM



“ Jodi Roelofs purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Carol Ann Cauley.



Jodi Roelofs - January 28, 2025 at 04:28 PM



“ Brian and Sam Ferrilla planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Ann Cauley.

Brian and Sam Ferrilla - January 28, 2025 at 10:27 AM

BF

“ Brian and Sam Ferrilla purchased the Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet for the family of Carol Ann Cauley.



Brian and Sam Ferrilla - January 28, 2025 at 10:27 AM

JQ

“ Jim, Kelly and Ronan Qussar planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Ann Cauley.

Jim, Kelly and Ronan Qussar - January 28, 2025 at 08:22 AM

JQ

“ Jim, Kelly and Ronan Qussar purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Carol Ann Cauley.



Jim, Kelly and Ronan Qussar - January 28, 2025 at 08:22 AM

JM

“ John, Kyle and Owen Maher purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carol Ann Cauley.



John, Kyle and Owen Maher - January 27, 2025 at 10:37 PM

JM

“ John, Kyle and Owen Maher planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Ann Cauley.

John, Kyle and Owen Maher - January 27, 2025 at 10:37 PM