



Carolyn Joy Dober

September 8, 1931 - January 8, 2023

Carolyn Joy Dober, age 91, of Royal Oak, passed away on January 8, 2023.

Beloved wife of the late Erwin. Loving mother of Paula Cook, Matthew (Eva) Dober, and Martin (Nguyet) Dober. Born into a family of 8 and raised in Hamtramck, she is survived by her loving sister, Geraldine Williams. Proud grandmother of Kimberly (Jeffrey) Timmington, Karla (Francesco) Lafata, Sophia Dober, Emmi Dober, Jadeyn Dober, and Evan Dober; and great-grandmother of five.

Carolyn was a resident of Royal Oak since 1951 and worked in the Royal Oak school system as a lunch monitor for over 35 years. She played baseball in her church youth group, where she met her husband. She continued her enthusiasm for baseball as a lifelong, avid Detroit Tigers fan. Strong in her faith, she was an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church for over 70 years.

Visitation will take place on Friday, January 13 from 2 - 8 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (four blocks east of Woodward). Funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 14 at 11:00 a.m. (visitation 10:00 a.m.) at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 202 E. 5th St., Royal Oak. Interment will follow at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak.

Memorial contributions can be directed to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Royal Oak.

Share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakview Cemetery

1032 N. Main Street
(south of 12 Mile Road)
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **13**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
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Funeral Service

JAN **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
202 E. Fifth Street
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Carolyn Joy Dober.



January 13, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Carolyn Joy Dober.



January 12, 2023 at 10:23 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Carolyn Joy Dober.



January 12, 2023 at 12:21 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket* was purchased for the family of Carolyn Joy Dober.



January 12, 2023 at 06:12 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Carolyn Joy Dober.



January 11, 2023 at 11:54 PM



“ Renee, Brian and Jonathan Schoof purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Joy Dober.



Renee, Brian and Jonathan Schoof - January 11, 2023 at 08:43 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carolyn Joy Dober.



January 11, 2023 at 05:48 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Carolyn Joy Dober.



January 11, 2023 at 04:42 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Carolyn Joy Dober.*



January 11, 2023 at 03:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carolyn Joy Dober.*



January 10, 2023 at 08:57 PM

“ The Earth was truly a better place for the last 91 years that my grandma was on it. There is no way that I can ever express the love and gratitude that I have for her. She is and will forever be my role model. She is the type of person I have always wanted to be, for so many reasons.

Since the day I was born, GG was a huge part of my life. We grew up just 1/4 mile from her house. My sister and I would often ride bikes over there and hang out in her large yard known in the neighborhood as “Dober Field.” There are so many precious memories that we made at her house! We always brought our friends over and she treated them all like her own grandchildren too. Some of my favorite memories include sitting with her outside for hours, eating Tania’s pizza countless times, attending vacation Bible school, Thai food dinners, working alongside her at the elections, shopping together, seeing her bright face as my lunch monitor and spending each and every holiday together.

I have never met anyone with the work ethic that my grandma had. She worked as a lunch monitor for Royal Oak Schools for over 30 years, into her late 80’s! She loved this job as much as the students and staff loved her. GG took great pride in her beautiful yard and continued to mow her grass and shovel her snow even as she was 91 years old. She worked the Royal Oak city elections for many, many years. She recruited me to be her co-chair and I always loved spending the entire day alongside her. It hardly felt like a job when you’re working with your best friend/grandma.

To say GG was generous is an understatement. Anyone who knows her, knows exactly what I am referring to. She would quite literally give you the shirt off her back and never wanted anything in return. GG is the reason that I was so excited to have a daughter. The special bond that we share is unmatched and I want that live on with my children and so on! I am so grateful that Lucy was able to meet her great grandma.

I am absolutely heart broken and will miss you more than words can say. I find peace knowing that Jesus welcomed you into heavens gates, with open arms from grandpa and so many others ❤️ I love you forever, until we meet again!

Karla Lafata - January 10, 2023 at 07:14 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Joy Dober.*



January 10, 2023 at 06:56 PM

“ God blessed me tremendously with the best grandma ever! My memories with her started at a very young age. I was over at her house all the time growing up. She cared and loved for me like I was her own daughter. She even worked at my elementary school as a lunch monitor. It was the best seeing her everyday at lunch. She would pack me the most delicious lunches, like Tania's double crust pizza and pickles. I was always so proud to tell everyone that she was my grandma. Everyone loved her. She brought so much life, joy, and happiness everywhere she went.

Her and my grandpa also would take me to vacation Bible school at St. Paul, where I learned so much. That's where my relationship with the Lord started. Grandma always made it a point to speak to me about the Lord, His goodness, and the gospel. She was such a faithful servant in and out of church. I will always admire her unwavering and bold faith. She was such a phenomenal example of what it looks like to be a Christian woman. To love The Lord and others with all your heart.

I have never met anyone more generous than my grandma. She always spent her money wisely and cautiously for herself but went way, way, way above and beyond for others. She helped my sister and I pay for our colleges. She gave my family her van. Like who does that? No one else that I know. To that extreme extent. She spoiled so many others like this too. She had so much joy in giving... which is a true reflection of her character, faith, and the thankfulness in her heart.

She worked as a lunch monitor in Royal oak schools for over 30 years. She stopped working when the pandemic first hit. She was such an inspiration to me and many, many others, working up until her late 80's. Truly remarkable to see such a strong work ethic at that age. She did all that she could with her time here on earth. She gave it her all. Anyone who knows her or lives by her knows she was still mowing, raking, and shoveling snow this year. Ambition was in her blood!

It's such a gift that my kids were able to make so many memories with her, too. My four kids adored their GG. They will miss her dearly. She was such a big part of our family. It will feel empty and different without her.

The memories that my family and I have of GG are such a gift. Thank you, Lord! We will carry those in our hearts with us forever.

There's so much comfort knowing she's in the arms of Jesus. She's home. Good job, faithful servant.

See you on the other side, grandma <3. Miss and love you forever. Thank you for everything.

kim - January 10, 2023 at 05:35 PM