



## Carolyn Gayde

January 14, 1934 - March 18, 2025

Carolyn M. Gayde, age 91, passed away peacefully on March 18, 2025. She was born on January 14, 1934, to the late Clement and Gertrude Blinzley.

On December 29, 1956, Carolyn married the love of her life, William, in Southfield, Michigan. Together, they built a beautiful family. She was a devoted mother to Peter (Ruth), Chris (Laura), Julie (Chris) Benden, and Nancy (Andrew) Vizi. A proud grandmother to Sarah (Wesley) Howard, Nicholas (Caitlin), William, Ellen, Denise (William) Kingsley, Jamie Benden, and Joshua Benden, she also cherished her role as a great-grandmother to Emma, Elizabeth, and Hannah. Carolyn was also a dear sister-in-law to Lorelee.

Carolyn had a passion for travel and explored the world with great enthusiasm, visiting over 60 countries. She meticulously planned all of her family's vacations and wrote detailed journals of those trips. An avid reader, she completed over 450 books throughout her lifetime. She was also a dedicated educator, teaching math at St. Mary Catholic School in Royal Oak for 25 years. In her honor, the Carolyn Gayde Math Award was established at the school to recognize students' achievements. She was an alumna of St. Mary Academy in Monroe and later graduated from Marygrove College.

She passed a love of music on to her children and was a long-time member of

the Fort Street Chorale, singing Handel's Messiah over 90 times. She loved to bake delicious cookies, pies, and cakes for her family and friends. She was an avid baseball fan, attending many Tiger games including playoffs and World Series.

Visitation will take place on Sunday, March 30th, from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Road (4 blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. A Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, March 31st, with visitation at 9:30 AM until the time of Mass at 10:00 AM, at St. Mary Catholic Church, Royal Oak.

Memorial contributions in Carolyn's honor may be made to St. Mary Catholic Church or the Capuchins.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **30**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 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/>

## Funeral Mass

MAR **31**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
730 S. Lafayette Avenue  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

# Tribute Wall



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

March 30, 2025 at 10:03 AM



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



March 28, 2025 at 10:27 PM



“ Please accept our condolences. We were so sorry to hear of Caroline's passing.  
Mary Lawler, Billie Will and Barbara Farley

Mary Lawler - March 28, 2025 at 09:59 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear about Aunt Carolyn! She was my godmother and never forgot my birthday or Christmas! I remember the fun we would have when you all came to visit! I know you will miss her deeply. Know I am thinking about each one of you!

Janet Carlson McCourtie - March 26, 2025 at 10:53 AM

JF

“ Jon Buiteweg and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Gayde.



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Jon Buiteweg and Family - March 26, 2025 at 10:23 AM



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

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March 24, 2025 at 08:41 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Gayde.



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March 24, 2025 at 08:41 PM



“ Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Carolyn Gayde.



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March 24, 2025 at 11:48 AM



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

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March 24, 2025 at 11:48 AM

EP

“ I had Mrs Gayde in 3rd grade. A very kind and supportive teacher.  
Condolences to her family and friends

Ellen Martin Pope - March 22, 2025 at 04:29 PM



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

March 22, 2025 at 02:30 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carolyn Gayde.



March 22, 2025 at 02:30 PM

HT

“ Hugs, Pat Fehlig Tome planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Gayde.

Hugs, Pat Fehlig Tome - March 22, 2025 at 01:38 PM

HT

“ Hugs, Pat Fehlig Tome purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Gayde.



Hugs, Pat Fehlig Tome - March 22, 2025 at 01:38 PM

JW

“ *Always a great mentor my sincere condolences Jane Watson*

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**Jane Watson** - March 21, 2025 at 07:21 PM

RB

“ *Thank you for teaching me how to crochet. It is a joy to share that gift with my own students.*

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**Regina Almashy Breitmeyer** - March 21, 2025 at 06:35 PM