



Catherine M. Stonehouse

February 12, 1959 - July 11, 2025

Catherine Marie Stonehouse (nee Bielawski), born on February 12th, 1959, aged 66, ascended to her eternal home on July 11th 2025.

Catherine was born in Detroit, MI, and grew up in Fraser, MI, earned a Bachelors of Art in Art History from the University of Michigan. She loved to travel and spent her last semester of college in Florence, Italy, exploring the beautiful countryside and cities, as well as Belgium and Germany. She most notably worked for Greenfield Village, Henry Ford Museum as a Historic Presenter, and in the Archives and Library. Catherine married her husband William in May of 1986 at the Martha-Mary Chapel at Greenfield Village. He shared her love of travel, and together they visited Italy, France, England and Cancun for their honeymoon. Catherine was a loving and devoted mother, a fantastic cook, and a lifelong student of etiquette. Catherine expressed herself artistically with her beautiful jewelry-making and house painting company, In The House Designs. She was also a dedicated Girl Scout Troop Leader for many years. She was also an avid lover of giraffes and pickles.

Catherine is survived by her husband William Stonehouse II, her children William Stonehouse III (Autumn) and Sarah Pontone (Christopher); her grandchildren Lillian and Henry Pontone. Catherine is also survived by her father, Ralph Bielawski, her mother in law Patricia Stonehouse, her sister Janet Martin (William), her brothers in law Frank Stonehouse and Christian

Stonehouse (Nancy), as well as her nieces Cassidee and Cheyenne Martin, and Gabriela and Natalie Stonehouse. Catherine was preceded in death by her mother Theresa Bielawski (nee Gregory) and her brother, John Bielawski.

Family and will celebrate Catherine's life with a visitation on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica from 2-8pm with a prayer service at 5pm. Catherine will lie in state on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 from 9:30 am until time of mass 10 am at St. Paul of Tarsus Catholic Church 41300 Romeo Plank Road, Clinton Township. Burial will take place at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a donation be made in her name to the The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation P.O. Box 97381 Washington D.C. 20090-738 <https://xerces.org/>

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly Township, MI 48442

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 15. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317

Prayer Service

JUL 15. 5:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317

Instate At Church

JUL 16. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul of Tarsus Catholic Church
41300 Romeo Plank Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Funeral Mass

JUL **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ AIMT's Catherine. I was devastated by the news of your passing. Rest in peace my dear!

Mike Mowatt - September 14, 2025 at 08:23 PM

GW

“ Our sincere condolences to the family. Cathy was a kind, sweet and beautiful person. She was an excellent Girl Scout leader. We are so sad to hear this news. Rest in Heaven Cathy!
Gwen Outland and Alexandra Young

Gwen - July 16, 2025 at 11:00 AM

MK

“ Catherine was such a lovely person. Rest in paradise.

Marilyn Kroth-Baca - July 15, 2025 at 11:21 AM



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

July 14, 2025 at 03:38 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine M. Stonehouse.



July 14, 2025 at 03:38 PM

CB

“ Cathy was a true blessing in my life she had a draw to her, always made you feel welcome. A great wife, mother and daughter! She was a great organizer with making things special for her family and friends. I loved asking Cathy for advice on decorating she had such a flair for doing things beautifully. Our friendship started when we met at gymboree our kids were young. We enjoyed taking our kids on outings like wolcott mill, zoo, museums or just plain play dates. Cathy always figured out something fun to do with the kids. We enjoyed times at the cottage, swimming, walks, motorcycles, and campfires. Cathy enjoyed seeing the kids experience different things. The kids grew up and it changed to going to lunch together and going to the cottage as couples. Spending time talking about family, laughing, playing cards, pool, relaxing on the deck, barbecuing, drives and dinner out. Cathy's adventures side was going for rides on a side by side exploring.

Then it feels like out of nowhere life changed again when Cathy got sick. When she became sick life threw Cathy a tough fight, but she was always happy to see us with a smile. Always asking us what's new with us all the while fighting to stay around for her family especially for Lillian and Henry. Again Cathy has blessed us all with beautiful memories of her life. May God bless her and her family! Prayers and hugs to the family. The Bubka Family

Carol Ken Bubka - July 14, 2025 at 01:54 PM

FS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Frank Stonehouse - July 14, 2025 at 01:52 PM

BF

“ I have wonderful memories of "CB". We became good friends in Betsy Barbour dorm at U of M and we were a bridesmaid at each other's wedding. After I moved to Maine, I looked forward to seeing her distinct handwriting on Christmas cards every year, with a newsletter to keep me up-to-date on all of your family's happenings. I'll never forget her. May she rest in peace. Love, Bethany

Bethany Fontaine - July 13, 2025 at 08:13 PM

PG

“ Bill & family, although I can't be with you at this difficult time, know that I am keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. Cathy was always fun to be around. She had a beautiful smile, and an infectious laugh. Cathy will be truly missed. Rest in peace dear friend. Much love Pat G



Pat Grondziak - July 13, 2025 at 07:20 AM

RG

“ Prayers and strength to the family. Cathy was a beautiful woman. Will be missed very much. Class of 82 had fantastic times together working at Greenfield Village and Museum. She was our Princess Diana. Love Ruth

Ruth Gagel - July 12, 2025 at 09:42 PM