



## Cristina Ann Denison

December 3, 1954 - May 24, 2020

Cristina (Tina) Ann Denison, 65, of Royal Oak, passed away in Franklin, Michigan, on May 24, 2020 during her battle with cancer. She was born December 3, 1954 in Detroit, Michigan and was a life-long resident of Oakland County.

Known for her compassion and kindness, she served as a social worker with the Oakland County corrections department for over 30 years, having begun her career working for Crossroads for Youth (formerly Camp Oakland), working on programs for at-risk youth. Tina is a graduate of Kingswood School Cranbrook, where she remained involved as an alumnus. She continued on to Boston University with a degree in Sociology, during which time she spent a semester studying at the University of Nairobi, Kenya, and then earned a Masters Degree from the University of Michigan School of Social Work. Tina was a member of the Junior League of Birmingham, volunteered with the Washtenaw County women's shelter, and delivered food baskets to the elderly with Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency. Tina cared for the safe-keeping and well-being of animals, and cherished her time at the family cottage on Crystal Lake.

Tina is referred to as the glue of her family and friends, planning gatherings and nourishing connections. She will be remembered for her acceptance, understanding, and inclusion. Tina is survived by her beloved daughter

Elizabeth Denison (Thomas Shingler), grandson Jason Denison Shingler, father Walter Denison (Kathleen Reynolds Denison), brothers Dirk Denison (David Salkin) and Kenneth Denison, sister Cassandra Salvati (Timothy Salvati), uncle Judge Eugene Moore (Mary Shaw Moore) and lifelong friends Roswitha Saxton and Nancy Albert. Tina is the daughter of Mary Moore Denison and granddaughter of Jack and Edna Denison and Judge Arthur E. and Doris Moore, predeceased.

A private family service was held Thursday, May 28 at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, burial at Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, a donation is suggested to some of Tina's favorite causes: DonorsChoose, the Michigan Humane Society, and the Women's Resource Center (Detroit or Petoskey locations).

# Cemetery Details

## Oakview Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 28.** 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Cristina Ann Denison*



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**Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors** - May 28, 2020 at 11:23 AM

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“ *Dear Walt and Family- I am so sorry to read of Tina's passing. I remember when she went to study in Boston. What wonderful things she did in her life. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you. - Maureen Kennedy*

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**Maureen Kennedy** - May 31, 2020 at 12:12 PM

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“ *My condolences to Tina's family and friends on her sudden passing. I have known Tina for many years through mutual friends and always enjoyed her welcoming smile and cheerfulness. Such a good person. She will be so missed by everyone who knew her.*

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**Cherril Gray** - May 29, 2020 at 04:55 AM