



## Darlene C. Kaltz

July 17, 1946 - February 3, 2026

Darlene C. Kaltz, age 79, a resident of St. Clair Shores, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, in Shelby Township, Michigan.

Darlene was born on July 17, 1946, in Highland Park, Michigan, to the late Albert and Geralda (née Campbell) Kaltz. She was preceded in death by her beloved sister and brother-in-law, Cheryl (Jerry) Logghe.

She is survived by her siblings: Pat (Jim) Ternes, Larry (Colleen) Kaltz, Karen (Mark) Pauwels, and Mike (Kathy Kiesling) Kaltz, along with many cherished nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Darlene graduated from St. Lawrence Catholic High School in Utica, Michigan, in 1964. Shortly after graduation, she began working at National Machine Products in Utica. Determined to further her education, she attended night classes at Macomb Community College, where she earned a degree in Accounting.

Her professional career was marked by ambition, leadership, and a passion for excellence. She worked as a cost accountant at KDI Bauer Corporation and married Richard S. Ryniak in 1969; the marriage later ended in divorce in 1981. After a brief period with International Screw Company, Darlene began a long and distinguished career at Stanley Black & Decker in 1974. Over the

years, she held numerous positions, including Vice President Controller, Finance Manager, and Plant Manager. Her career afforded her the opportunity to travel extensively around the world, including a long-term assignment in Taiwan.

Following her retirement, Darlene continued to share her expertise as an independent business consultant. She was also a proud investor and partner in Richmond Forest Golf Course.

Darlene had a deep love for travel and treasured the many journeys she took with longtime friends. She maintained close connections with friends who had moved out of state and, even when travel became more difficult, she nurtured those friendships with daily phone calls and unwavering devotion.

A woman of conviction, Darlene worked tirelessly to bring about positive change and to plant seeds for the future. She actively supported political candidates and causes she believed in, often serving as a record keeper and treasurer, putting her strong organizational skills to work. She was a longtime member of the National Organization for Women (NOW), served on the board of Green Michigan, and was an Adult Advisor for a nonpartisan Congressional Student Summit.

After moving into her new home at American House Lakeshore, Darlene was invited to serve as a Resident Ambassador, helping others adjust to their new way of life. She embraced this role wholeheartedly and quickly made the community her own. She enjoyed crafting, painting, participating in book club, and joining the trivia group—where she proudly earned the title of "Trivia Queen." Wherever she went, Darlene had a gift for making friends.

Though Darlene had no children of her own, she lovingly adopted and embraced all of her nieces, nephews, and their children, sharing in as many

family celebrations as possible. She will be remembered as a devoted sister, a loving aunt and great-aunt, and a dearest friend to many.

Darlene's life was defined by curiosity, compassion, leadership, and connection. She will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who knew her.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate Darlene's life with a visitation and service on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica from 3-8pm with a funeral service at the funeral home on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 11am.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

FEB 11. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

### Funeral Service

FEB 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

KK

“ You are truly missed by Mike, Logan and Myself. R. I. P until we meet again.

Kathy Kiesling - May 12 at 07:03 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darlene C. Kaltz.

March 01 at 12:26 PM

GT

“ Darlene was such a special niece to my parents and a wonderful cousin. A very caring person, highly respected and a trailblazing career woman. We so enjoyed that we could visit with her recently. She will be sorely missed. The Trombley family.

Gerald Trombley - March 01 at 12:21 PM

CK

“ My sincere condolences to the entire family. Darlene was a special lady who "touched" the lives of many.

Cindy K - February 21 at 10:29 PM

DC

“ Daniel C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlene C. Kaltz.

Daniel C. - February 11 at 02:55 PM

RK

“ So sorry to hear of Darlene’s passing. Always enjoyed her visits to Florida. She had a great sense of humor and was easy to converse with. She will be missed.  
*Rosemary Knapp*

Rosemary Knapp - February 10 at 02:26 PM

PF

“ Darlene has been a special friend since we attended Saint Lawrence all those years ago. She honored me 60 years ago when she stood as a bridesmaid in my wedding. She always called when I returned to Michigan and we would get together sharing a meal and lots of good stories. More recently, she was the driving force in putting together our class reunions providing the opportunity to remake old friendships. A special person whom I will miss deeply. God bless you Darlene for being such a good friend. Pat

Pat (Melito) Fielhauer - February 10 at 12:07 PM

DB

“ David & Judy Bonior purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Darlene C. Kaltz.



David & Judy Bonior - February 10 at 09:30 AM

DB

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David & Judy Bonior - February 10 at 09:30 AM

GK

“ Gail Berkesch & Carol King purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Darlene C. Kaltz.



Gail Berkesch & Carol King - February 10 at 01:22 AM

TF

“ Tom & Pat (Melito) Fielhauer purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Darlene C. Kaltz.



Tom & Pat (Melito) Fielhauer - February 09 at 10:16 PM

TF

“ Tom & Pat (Melito) Fielhauer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlene C. Kaltz.

Tom & Pat (Melito) Fielhauer - February 09 at 10:16 PM

TV

“ The vonZellen's purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Darlene C. Kaltz.



The vonZellen's - February 09 at 08:15 PM

TV

“ The vonZellen's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlene C. Kaltz.

The vonZellen's - February 09 at 08:15 PM

TB

“ Tom and Charlene Bernasconi purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Darlene C. Kaltz.



Tom and Charlene Bernasconi - February 09 at 02:34 PM

AD

“ I graduated with Darlene and have many memories of our years at St. Lawrence together. Our fun times meeting together constructing a float for the Homecoming and parties after. She was a party girl then, until now. She will be missed by her family and her friends.

*Cherish all your times together!*

*Rest in Peace Darlene!*

*Class of 1964 Still Rules!*

Ann Niedzwiecki Dylewski - February 09 at 01:21 PM

GZ

“ Gene Zuber & daughter Stacie Zuber purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Darlene C. Kaltz.



Gene Zuber & daughter Stacie Zuber - February 09 at 12:15 PM

BS

“ I send love and condolences to Darlene’s family. She touched so many lives and will be missed.

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**Brenda Slabbinck** - February 09 at 11:38 AM

DS

*Darlene will be missed. She meant a lot to all of us Campbell kids. I admired her intelligence, sense of humor and care for her family. Her family in heaven will greet her. Sending love to Larry,Pat,Karen. Wish I was in Michigan for her funeral❤️Donna Seales*

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**Donna Seales** - February 11 at 12:08 PM