



Gwendolyne Jonik

October 5, 1930 - August 4, 2025

Gwendolyne Jonik (née VanSimaey), age 94, passed away peacefully on Monday, August 4, 2025, in Livonia, Michigan.

Born on October 5, 1930, in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, Gwendolyne was the beloved daughter of the late Walter and Yulah (née Davis) VanSimaey. A lifelong resident of Michigan, she devoted 25 years of dedicated service as a member of the clerical staff at AT&T before her retirement.

Gwendolyne found great joy in life's simple pleasures. She was a gifted hand crafter who loved needlepoint, knitting, and sewing. Her passion for family was especially evident during the holiday season, when she delighted in making Christmas cookies. She rarely missed an episode of Wheel of Fortune, and cherished time spent with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren above all else.

On September 17, 1953, Gwendolyne married the love of her life, Henry S. Jonik, at St. Clement Catholic Church in Center Line, Michigan. Together, they shared 42 wonderful years of marriage until Henry's passing on November 21, 1995.

Gwendolyne was the devoted wife of the late Henry S. Jonik, and the loving

mother of Christine Jonik, Henry Stanley Jonik, Barbara (Dr. Robert) Whittington, Teresa Jonik,, Tom (Darcy) Jonik, and Matthew (Karen) Jonik. She was the proud grandmother of Alicia Jonik, Ryan (Sara) Jonik, Adam Jonik, Wesley (Sarah) Jonik, Jacob Jonik, and Alex Whittington, and the cherished great-grandmother of Charlotte and Henry.

She is also survived by her dear siblings: Christine (the late Ronald) Bonkowski, Penny (Donald) Kindt, and Joseph (Ruth) VanSimaey. She is preceded in death by her brother Frederick VanSimaey.

Gwendolyne will be remembered for her warmth, creativity, and unwavering love for her family. Her legacy of kindness and devotion will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate Gwendolyne's life with a visitation on Sunday, August 10, 2025 at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road Utica (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) from 2-8pm with a rosary at 6pm. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Monday, August 11, 2025 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church 44633 Utica Road (btwn Van Dyke & M-59) Utica at 10am with a visitation prior to mass from 9:30am until the time of mass.

Gwendolyne will be buried at St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery, Utica, Michigan following her funeral mass.

Cemetery Details

St. Lawrence Cemetery

Auburn Road
Utica, MI 48317

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 10. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Rosary

AUG 10. 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Instate At Church

AUG 11. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
44633 Utica Road
Utica, MI 48317

Funeral Mass

AUG 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
44633 Utica Road
Utica, MI 48317

Tribute Wall



“ Your Mayfield Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gwendolyne Jonik.

Your Mayfield Family - August 10, 2025 at 11:10 AM



“ Your Mayfield Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gwendolyne Jonik.



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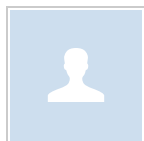
August 09, 2025 at 03:05 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gwendolyne Jonik.



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

August 09, 2025 at 02:45 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Gwendolyne Jonik.



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“ McMasters Koss Co purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Gwendolyne Jonik.



McMasters Koss Co - August 07, 2025 at 12:07 PM



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

August 06, 2025 at 05:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gwendolyne Jonik.



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“Gwen and I both worked for Michigan Bell, I visited her once at her workplace after I first met her, her fellow employees loved her. Her son Matt was to be married to Karen my daughter. She impressed me as a mother who cared deeply about her children. Through the years we met and reconnected at family gatherings, weddings, baptisms, birthdays and funerals. She was an interesting woman who lived a long life.

Toni Stevenson

Toni Stevenson - August 05, 2025 at 07:14 PM

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Robert Bonkowski - August 05, 2025 at 04:42 PM



“Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gwendolyne Jonik.



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