



## Heather Nicole Riggs

January 2, 1981 - February 16, 2024

Heather Nicole Riggs, age 43, of Canton, passed away on February 16, 2024. Born on January 2, 1981, to Ronald and Susan Wojcik, Heather spent her childhood years in Royal Oak. She graduated from Dondero High School in 1999. One of her joys of high school was playing in the orchestra, where she met Matt, fell in love, and began the story of their life together. Then, pursuing her passion for education, she obtained her bachelor's degree at Oakland University.

Heather's primary dedication lay with her family, embodying the role of a devoted wife and mother. She wholeheartedly embraced the titles of "dance mom," "baseball mom," and "gymnastics mom," actively supporting her children's interests with unwavering enthusiasm throughout their formative years. She, Matt, and Carter even went to the Tiger's opening baseball game last season. They had a blast!

Heather loved to cook, especially in her brand-new kitchen. She had a small garden where she would pick snap peas for her family dinner, as long as Finley didn't pick and eat them first. She made wonderful pies from apples and berries the family had picked together. Her strawberry pie was her dad's favorite. But her specialty was making a simple cheeseball which she took to all family gatherings.

Professionally, Heather found fulfillment as an educator at Bentley Elementary, where she taught various grades and served on the PTO Board for many years. Her love for children was evident in her commitment to nurturing their growth and learning. An avid reader, Heather found solace and inspiration in books, cherishing the pursuit of knowledge both for herself and others.

Outside of her professional and familial duties, Heather found joy in exploring destinations with warm beaches, with favorites including the Caribbean, Florida, and Mexico. However, her most cherished moments were those spent with family, whether on their yearly wedding anniversary retreat to Traverse City or memorable trips to the Smoky Mountains, Disney World and Hawaii. Heather had such a fun side, she loved jigsaw puzzles, Marvin the Martin, Beauty and the Beast, and Harry Potter. She was so proud of all the Harry Potter Lego sets she put together, sometimes all by herself and sometimes with a little help from Evan.

Heather also valued the simpler joys of life, like the weekly shopping excursions she shared with her mother and the spirited games of pinochle or rummikub they played. She made friends easily and would do anything for them. Heather was so much more than words can say. She will be so dearly missed.

Heather is survived by her husband, Matthew; her children: Carter, Evan, and Finley; her parents, Ronald T. and Susan Wojcik; her siblings: Ronald K. and Lance Wojcik; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Randy and Kathleen Riggs; her sister-in-law, Heather Riggs; her brother-in-law, Christopher (Elizabeth) Riggs; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A visitation for Heather will be held on Friday, February 23, from 2 - 8 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (four blocks east

of Woodward), Royal Oak. Funeral service will held on Saturday, February 24, at 1 p.m., at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak.

Share a memory at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oakview Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **23**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 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 Service

FEB **24**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JL

“ Wow I'm truly sorry for your loss may she rest in peace. We went to high school together 😞

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**Jaelyn Lentz(Faust)** - February 25, 2024 at 02:43 AM

MB

“ Heather was my first childhood friend. We grew up across the street from each other. All my earliest memories of birthdays and Barbies include Heather. Later in high school we enjoyed catching up on the short drive home from Dondero. I was shocked and saddened to hear of her passing. My family is including her husband, children, parents, and brothers in our prayers.  
Marjorie Belvedere (formerly Margie Harrigan)

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**Marjorie Belvedere** - February 22, 2024 at 10:11 PM

JR

“ Josh and Danielle Ray purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Heather Nicole Riggs.



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**Josh and Danielle Ray** - February 22, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Heather Nicole Riggs.



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February 22, 2024 at 09:29 AM

TF

“ The Niemiec Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Heather Nicole Riggs.

The Niemiec Family - February 22, 2024 at 09:29 AM

GT

“ Mrs Riggs made a lasting impression on my daughter Abby while she was her long term substitute at Bentley. Abby was so proud the day that she wore her blue Jean jacket to school because she wanted to match Mrs. Riggs♥ thank you to the family for sharing her with our children and please know that she was loved and will be missed. Keeping you in our prayers.....The Thompson Family



Garrah Thompson - February 21, 2024 at 06:22 PM

FT

“ From Chris O'Dowd and Quantum Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Heather Nicole Riggs.

From Chris O'Dowd and Quantum Team - February 20, 2024 at 09:45 PM



“ Southern Magnolia Tree was purchased for the family of Heather Nicole Riggs.



February 20, 2024 at 09:45 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Heather Nicole Riggs.



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February 20, 2024 at 08:34 PM



“ Erin, Sarah, Chris, and Hira (USAAA) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Heather Nicole Riggs.

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**Erin, Sarah, Chris, and Hira (USAAA)** - February 20, 2024 at 08:34 PM



“ TDC Mini's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Heather Nicole Riggs.

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**TDC Mini's** - February 20, 2024 at 08:04 PM



“ TDC Mini's purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Heather Nicole Riggs.



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**TDC Mini's** - February 20, 2024 at 08:04 PM

CH

“ Curtis, Du, Ksiazek, Smith, Van Hagen purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Heather Nicole Riggs.



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**Curtis, Du, Ksiazek, Smith, Van Hagen** - February 20, 2024 at 06:48 PM

JA

“ Dear Matt, So sorry to hear your loss. I have no words to express my feelings. May GOD grant you immense patience, shower HIS mercy to your beloved wife and give you strength and peace, knowing one day you'll be together in the hereafter.

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**Jawad Anwar** - February 20, 2024 at 06:17 PM

VP

“ Sorry to hear the loss, Matt. Will pray for you to overcome this difficult situation.

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**Vignesh Pugalendy** - February 20, 2024 at 05:19 PM

YT

“ From: Your Delta Digital Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Heather Nicole Riggs.

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**Your Delta Digital Team** - February 20, 2024 at 05:10 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Heather Nicole Riggs.*



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February 20, 2024 at 05:10 PM



“ *Matt, sorry to hear the loss and hopefully you and your family is strong in this difficult time. we will always be there for you.*

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**preeti ranjan** - February 20, 2024 at 04:39 PM



“ *Aunt Dianne, Uncle Keith & Katherine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Heather Nicole Riggs.*

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**Aunt Dianne, Uncle Keith & Katherine** - February 20, 2024 at 12:03 PM



“ *Aunt Dianne, Uncle Keith & Katherine purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Heather Nicole Riggs.*



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**Aunt Dianne, Uncle Keith & Katherine** - February 20, 2024 at 12:03 PM

MK

“ Mark and Marsha Kwicinski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Heather Nicole Riggs.

Mark and Marsha Kwicinski - February 20, 2024 at 11:39 AM

MK

“ Mark and Marsha Kwicinski purchased the Countery Basket Blooms for the family of Heather Nicole Riggs.



Mark and Marsha Kwicinski - February 20, 2024 at 11:39 AM

AG

“ All our Love, Kathie & Glen purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Heather Nicole Riggs.



All our Love, Kathie & Glen - February 20, 2024 at 10:55 AM

D1

“ Dondero Class of 1999 purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Heather Nicole Riggs.



Dondero Class of 1999 - February 20, 2024 at 08:14 AM

CB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Cole Beber** - February 20, 2024 at 12:30 AM

CB

“ Heather was such a nice person. I have many fond memories of her in high school. She always had a beautiful smile.

*Thank you for everything, Heather. Please rest well.*

*Cole Beber  
Nam-myoho-renge-kyo*

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**Cole Beber** - February 20, 2024 at 12:15 AM

FF

“ Franklin-Palmer Neighbor Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Heather Nicole Riggs.

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**Franklin-Palmer Neighbor Family** - February 19, 2024 at 08:26 PM

FF

“ Franklin-Palmer Neighbor Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Heather Nicole Riggs.



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**Franklin-Palmer Neighbor Family** - February 19, 2024 at 08:26 PM

TC

“ The Neighbor Crew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Heather Nicole Riggs.

The Neighbor Crew - February 19, 2024 at 08:24 PM

TC

“ The Neighbor Crew purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Heather Nicole Riggs.



The Neighbor Crew - February 19, 2024 at 08:24 PM

TF

“ The Mogan Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Heather Nicole Riggs.



The Mogan Family - February 19, 2024 at 04:21 PM

KW

“ Karen Wojcik-Noble planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Heather Nicole Riggs.

Karen Wojcik-Noble - February 19, 2024 at 04:15 PM

KW

“ *Karen Wojcik-Noble purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Heather Nicole Riggs.*



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**Karen Wojcik-Noble** - February 19, 2024 at 04:15 PM

GH

“ *Heather was such an amazing person. I remember having great conversations starting back in high school with her. My thoughts and prayers*

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**Greg Van Hagen** - February 19, 2024 at 02:46 PM

AA

“ *Alex and Alex Aquiline purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Heather Nicole Riggs.*



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**Alex and Alex Aquiline** - February 19, 2024 at 02:09 PM