



## Hedwig "Hedy" Karp

August 2, 1921 - April 22, 2017

Hedwig "Hedy" Karp, age 95, a resident of Sterling Heights, passed away peacefully April 22, 2017 at her residence. She was born August 2, 1921 in Hamtramck to the late Joseph and Julia Susitko.

Hedy was a longtime resident of Sterling Heights and was a member of St. Blase Catholic Church. She and her late husband, Chet, owned and operated Ran-Shel Inc., a machined components business, since 1956. Ran-Shel was formerly located in Detroit and is now in Sterling Heights. During World War II, Hedy was very active in the war effort. In her earlier years, she was the former President of the PTA at James Monroe Elementary School.

Hedy also loved northern Michigan, especially spending time and fishing at the family cottage in St. Helen, Michigan with her family and friends. She loved to travel to Las Vegas, Nevada, playing cards and enjoyed sewing.

She made many friends throughout her life, but her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were most important to her.

She was the beloved wife of the late Chester; dearest mother of Randall (Olga) Karp, Michele (Les) Schlaud, Kathleen (George) Abela, and Gerald (Andrea) Karp; proud grandmother of Jennifer (Jeff) Utter, Julie (Thomas) Holmes, Jacqueline Karp, Emily Karp, Alexandra Abela, and Andrew Abela;

great-grandmother of Ashley, Steffaney, and Charley Utter; and dear sister of Lillian Kaminski and the late Leo Susitko.

Visitation Wednesday 2-9 p.m. with a 7 p.m. Rosary at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak. In state Thursday 9:00 a.m. until the time of Mass 9:30 a.m. at St. Blase Catholic Church, Sterling Heights. Memorials to the Multiple Sclerosis or JDRF Society are appreciated. Share your memories 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

**APR 26.** 2:00 PM - 9:00 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/>

## Rosary

**APR 26.** 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Mass

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APR **27**. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Blase Catholic Church  
12151 15 Mile Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

# Tribute Wall

JV

“ *A Great Lady.  
Wonderful person.  
Enjoyed the lunches at the Plant. The conversations were very lively  
and a real Honor to have lunch with such a Wonderful Person.*

*Hedy will be missed by all but we will always remember her in our  
hearts and thoughts.*

*Eternal peace and happiness with the Lord.*

*Keep an eye on us*

*Rest in eternal peace,*

*God Bless You,*

*With deep sympathy*

*Your dear friend.*

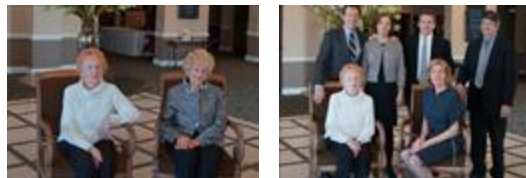
*Jim Vrana*

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**jim vrana** - April 26, 2017 at 08:17 PM

DS

“ *2 files added to the album photos*



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**Doug Susitko** - April 26, 2017 at 03:51 PM

AS

“ Andrew Kucharski & Judy Scott purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Hedwig "Hedy" Karp.



Andrew Kucharski & Judy Scott - April 26, 2017 at 01:10 PM

CB

“ Chet & Beth purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Hedwig "Hedy" Karp.



Chet & Beth - April 26, 2017 at 12:27 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Hedwig "Hedy" Karp.



April 26, 2017 at 10:33 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Hedwig "Hedy" Karp.



April 26, 2017 at 09:26 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hedwig "Hedy" Karp.



April 25, 2017 at 07:47 PM



“ Ran-Shel Inc. purchased the Amazing Arboricola for the family of Hedwig "Hedy" Karp.



Ran-Shel Inc. - April 25, 2017 at 05:11 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Hedwig "Hedy" Karp.



April 25, 2017 at 04:10 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hedwig "Hedy" Karp.



April 25, 2017 at 01:56 PM

WW

“ With love, Ann Chmara & Irene Whetstone purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Hedwig "Hedy" Karp.



With love, Ann Chmara & Irene Whetstone - April 25, 2017 at 01:52 PM



“ Mrs. Fields Nibblers® Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Hedwig "Hedy" Karp.



April 25, 2017 at 10:16 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Hedwig "Hedy" Karp.



April 25, 2017 at 10:12 AM

DN

“ David, Kimberly, David, Daniel & Natalie purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Hedwig "Hedy" Karp.



David, Kimberly, David, Daniel & Natalie - April 25, 2017 at 08:27 AM

DO

“ Donna and Robert Obidzinski purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Hedwig "Hedy" Karp.



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**Donna and Robert Obidzinski** - April 24, 2017 at 08:31 PM

AB

“ My deepest sympathy to The Karp Family; I truly enjoyed my relationship with all of you but especially Hedy; although business in nature, my visits with Hedy throughout the years were such a delight. Hedy was a wonderful, warm, charming, smart woman who was always welcoming to me. I enjoyed sharing our life stories and appreciated her caring and concern. She will be truly missed by all. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you cope through this difficult time.

*Rest in Peace Hedy,*

*Anna Biliti*

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**Anna Biliti** - April 24, 2017 at 07:41 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Hedwig "Hedy" Karp.



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April 24, 2017 at 02:32 PM

JC

“ *John and Lori Bertagnolli, Ellen and Claire purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Hedwig "Hedy" Karp.*



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**John and Lori Bertagnolli, Ellen and Claire** - April 24, 2017 at 12:41 PM

LK

“ *To My Dear Sister,  
Life goes by so quickly. It wasn't so long ago,  
we sat by your pool with our husbands;  
enjoying good food and conversation on long  
summer evenings. Having you next door to  
me for 50 years was such a comfort. We attended rosaries together  
and always looked out for each other. My heart feels the loneliness  
already, but I will try and fill it with the wonderful memories of our  
life. You will always be in my prayers!  
Loving you so much,  
Lee*



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**Lee Kaminski** - April 24, 2017 at 12:12 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hedwig "Hedy" Karp.*



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April 24, 2017 at 11:31 AM

LB

“ To My Dearest Aunt and Cousins,  
It will never be the same visiting my Mom  
without seeing Aunt Hedy next door. She  
would always stop over to see me when I was  
in town. We had so many wonderful  
conversations about current events and family life. What a joy she  
was to talk to. She had such a kind spirit, generous nature and what  
a smart woman!!



*Her faith shined through in the way she lived her life. I feel blessed  
that I was here at the end and her memory holds a special place in  
my heart. I pray that her soul rests in peace.*

*Much Sympathy,  
Lori*

*Quos valde amas numquam vere moriuntur  
"Those whom you deeply love, never truly die"*

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Lori Bertagnolli - April 24, 2017 at 11:24 AM

TH

“ My sincere condolences to all who have had the honor of knowing  
Hedy and being a part of her life. My interaction with her was  
business in nature but each visit was a pleasure and there are few  
people that walk the earth with the grace and integrity this fine  
woman did. I have no doubt there are 1000's of stories of how she  
touched someone and made their life just that much better having  
known her. Those memories should be cherished; I know I will hold  
mine close. Rest in Peace Hedy. Warm Regards, Theresa Hillbom  
(Mayernik Insurance Services)

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theresa hillbom - April 24, 2017 at 09:43 AM

AD

“ Hugs from your St John Family

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**Andrea Dube** - April 24, 2017 at 08:43 AM

MS

“ My mom and best friend. So many wonderful memories sewing my dresses for school and our dance costumes, gardening, proof reading my papers, shopping and just talking whether in person or on the phone. We didn't solve any problems but we discussed so many issues. I hope I can follow in your footsteps and be as loving, caring, forgiving and hardworking as you. Mom I Love You

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**Michele Schlaud** - April 23, 2017 at 09:52 PM

OK

“ I'll miss the best mother-in-law a person could have. Hedy was always kind and loving. I'll always remember times such as her trying so patiently to teach me how to scale a fish...though unsuccessful it added to the scores of memories we have put away to revisit when we miss her too much.  
We'll remember what a great cook she was. Holidays won't be the same without her and her perogis and homemade pies. We loved spending time with her on wonderful family trips whether Up North, Europe or Vegas. We will think of her and miss her forever.  
Olga Karp

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**Olga Karp** - April 23, 2017 at 08:58 PM

MC

“ To the Karp Family,

*I'm so sorry you had to lose someone so important and special in your life.*

*The heart that your mother had for others is a rare gift to the many people who had the privilege to know her and be blessed by her.*

*Remember there's a special place in all of our hearts for our mothers, just like there's a special place in every mother's heart for her children. You must continue to carry her memory in that special place in your heart.*

*I am sincerely sorry for the loss of your mother for I will be praying for you and rest of your family. For I will miss your Mother and I'm Blessed to had her in my Life! Thank You Mrs. Karp for the memories and your wisdom.*

*Love to all of you,  
Forever friend,  
Mary Ann.*



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**Mary Ann Calabro** - April 23, 2017 at 08:56 PM

BM

“ We have many happy memories of good times with a wonderful lady.

*Ben and Mary Moore*

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**Ben MOORE** - April 23, 2017 at 07:43 PM

FK

“ From the Madison Heights Kiwanis purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Hedwig "Hedy" Karp.



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**From the Madison Heights Kiwanis** - April 23, 2017 at 06:58 PM