



## Helen C. Whalen

June 5, 1945 - March 19, 2017

Whalen, Helen C. Age 71. March 19, 2017.

Loving mother of Deborah Whalen-Krumholz, Michelle (Russ) Cutino and Todd (Amber). Proud grandma of Ashley, Mackenzie, Jacob, Amelia, Henry, Cormic, Murphy, Arabella, Danielle and Vincent. Former spouse and dear friend of Richard. Beloved daughter of Millie and the late James Connor. Dear sister of Patricia Connor, James Connor and the late Susanne Connor.

Helen was a devoted grandma, and made every effort to attend the various activities for each of them. She loved music and singing, as well as traveling with family and friends. An avid Detroit Tigers fan, she watched the games and went to the ballpark whenever she could, even taking in games out of state. Helen was a social person and enjoyed being a member of a ladies bowling league and Red Hat Society. Her faith was important in her life and she was a longtime member of St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, and often attended St. Louise Catholic Church. She formerly worked at R.L. Polk Co.

Visitation Wednesday 2-8 pm, with a 7 pm scripture service, at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. Funeral Thursday, in-state 9:30 am until time of funeral Mass, 10 am at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 28353 Herbert St., Madison Heights. Memorial contributions to the Boys and Girls Club of Oakland and Macomb Counties, 1545 E. Lincoln, Royal Oak 48067, are

appreciated.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **22**. 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/>

## Scripture Service

MAR **22**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Mass

MAR **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church  
28353 Herbert Street  
Madison Heights, MI 48071

# Tribute Wall

ML

“ I wish to extend my deepest sympathy on the loss of your mom. She was a very special, loving person. We enjoyed many events with the St. Vincent Mom's club. May she Rest In Peace and may God grant you strength during this difficult time.

Mary Jane Lewandowski

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**Mary Jane Lewandowski** - March 22, 2017 at 12:16 PM

JC

“ Many times life doesn't make sense. Even more so when a dear loved one is suddenly taken from us. Helen was first and foremost a mother and grandmother--it was her calling--and she was a great daughter and a fantastic sister. When I was a young boy, she helped heal my boo-boos and as an older boy, I saw her be the first to bring a stereo with microphone into our house. And I remember her orange 442 cutlass. She always knew how to make a statement. As we aged, we moved in different circles, but we always shared the circle of love. True, time worthy, and complete. Helen was always there for everybody. She seemed incapable of saying no. She was selfless. I almost expect her to visit to help heal me of my recent malady and she did in there can't past, but alas, she "has gone gently into the goodnight." She was a lover, a singer, a musician, a forgiver, a fighter, a believer, an overcomer, and the kind of person we should all strive to be. I, like most, will fall short of her better qualities. She left a trail of her fine "work" here...it's to be found in her wonderful children and her vast friendships. She will always be my big sister. Thanks for all the love & caring.

Love always,  
Jim

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**Jim Connor** - March 21, 2017 at 09:59 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen C. Whalen.*



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March 21, 2017 at 06:41 PM



“ *I have many fond memories of Helen from our time at St Vincent Ferrer School and Moms' Club events. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.*

*Sam & Meg Lamerato*

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**Sam & Meg Lamerato** - March 21, 2017 at 04:45 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen C. Whalen.*



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March 21, 2017 at 02:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Helen C. Whalen.*



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March 21, 2017 at 02:13 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Helen C. Whalen.*



March 21, 2017 at 10:33 AM



“ *Mark and I are very saddened to hear about the passing of your mother. She is is loved and will be missed by many. Sending love and prayers to you Michelle,Russ,and the rest of the family!💕*

**Denice Yatros** - March 21, 2017 at 10:06 AM



“ *MOM, PAT, JIM & VAN CONNOR purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Helen C. Whalen.*



**MOM, PAT, JIM & VAN CONNOR** - March 21, 2017 at 09:28 AM



“ *Helen was a wonderful daughter and a great sister. When you needed her, she was there. We shared the good times with laughter and the sad times with tears. The memories will always be held close to our hearts.*

*With much love,  
Mom, Pat, Jim and Van*

**Pat Connor** - March 21, 2017 at 08:37 AM

LK

“ *My heart is breaking - I will miss you dear friend. We have known each other since Deb and Andy started first grade at St. Vincent Ferrer 38 years ago. We shared so many good times together ... Mom's Club, families, trips, weddings, grandchildren, movies and much more. Along with the wonderful times came the sad times, too where we shared our sorrows. It was a joy and privilege knowing you. Rest in peace.*

*With Love and Friendship,  
Linda*

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**Linda Knechtl** - March 21, 2017 at 08:19 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen C. Whalen.*



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March 20, 2017 at 11:37 PM

DS

“ *It was with great sadness that we learned of Helen's passing. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you despite the many miles between us. We will always remember Helen's sunny smile and family visits. With much love and sympathy, Donna Simpson (Ridgetown, Ontario) along with Deena, Dwayne, Deb and family.*

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**Donna Simpson** - March 20, 2017 at 11:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Helen C. Whalen.*



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March 20, 2017 at 08:51 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Helen C. Whalen.*



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March 20, 2017 at 07:13 PM



“ *Every one should have a friend like Helen...she adored and loved every one of her grandchildren. She will be truly missed and proud she called me one of her friends.  
Gone too soon..she had so much love to give..your family and friends will miss you.  
Clarice*

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**Clarice Kovala** - March 20, 2017 at 06:36 PM



“ *Yes, Helen was a faithful servant....she would often attend a St. Louise de Marillac morning Mass and would always stop and chat a bit.....she was missed during our Red Hatter's Luncheon.*

*A Red Hatter friend*

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**Rosie Lawson** - March 20, 2017 at 06:20 PM

GM

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with Deb and the family on the loss of Helen. Summertime brought Helen and I onto the driveways to watch our respective grandchildren. We talked of our days at Dominican High School, travel and our families. Helen always spoke highly of her children and cherished her grandkids. I know how much she will be missed by all. She is now resting in peace with the Lord! Gail Mills*

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**gail mills** - March 20, 2017 at 03:36 PM