



## Jacqueline 'Jackie' Bowdon

February 1, 1952 - October 18, 2021

Jackie Margaret Bowdon, age 69, of Royal Oak, passed away on October 18, 2021.

Beloved wife of Frank Bowdon III, to whom she married August 4, 1973 and spent her remaining 48 years with. Loving mother of Ben Bowdon, Thomas Bowdon and daughter-in-law Megan Bowdon. Loving grammy to Frankie Bowdon.

Jackie was strong, witty, caring as they come, and constantly thinking of the people she loved most. She was mom (or 'Mrs. B') to half the neighborhood, for two generations. Her combination of good will and firm delivery remains instilled in every person who came through the back door and greeted her, as she sat in her beloved wooden rocking chair.

She loved classic movies, music with soul, art with or without intention, animals of all kinds and always appreciated the small things. She was an extremely talented artist herself, serving as one of the top florists in Michigan for over three decades, orchestrating lavish arrangements for hundreds of key moments in the lives of others. She had a natural eye for beauty and shared that with everyone around her, whenever she could.

She loved to travel, especially to Europe, and would revel in pointing out the

places she'd been when they appeared in movies or television. She used to draw maps in one of her first jobs, but always preferred to go the road less traveled.

Jackie will be extremely missed by her family, friends, and everyone who had the chance to know her.

Memorial service will be held on Friday, October 22, from 6 – 8 pm at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (four blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak, with memory sharing at 7 pm. Celebration of life to follow at the Elks Club of Royal Oak.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you please consider a memorial contribution in Jackie's memory to the Michigan Humane Society. Donations will be collected at the service.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

OCT **22**. 6:00 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/>

## Memory Sharing

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

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# Tribute Wall

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“ A few more I love of my aunt...



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**Amanda Helton** - October 23, 2021 at 11:51 PM

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“ There are so many more things I want to say and pictures to share. I am beyond upset I couldn't be there in person but always with Aunt Jackie in heart and the rest of the Bowdon family. She taught me so many little things and helped raise me. I followed many of her footsteps by getting carreers in wedding event planning and the fahsion industry. From watching Martha together, teaching fabrications as we would shop to having me tag along in errands she taught me how to appreciate many little things and the finer things in life for sure. It wasn't about quanity, always quality. So many little firsts with her from trying pomegranates or to even going to target. All these little what seemed at the time insignificant are just pouring out and drowning me in the love and my tears as I mourn my Aunt.

She was always the mother I wished I had and she molded me to be more than what I was always. She believed in all of us, the 4th street crew were all her children and her reach of love is like no one else. Her style, influence and love will always remain in my life and have installed more than I know. Through bad relationships, cancer, family issues and more she was there. Always to help talk me through most of it all and give me advice to be a better me. And in her famous words if I should ever doubt, "Fake it til ya make it babe!" I love the Royal Oak family. You will always be some of the best memories of my life.



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**Amanda Helton** - October 22, 2021 at 05:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jacqueline 'Jackie' Bowdon.*



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October 21, 2021 at 05:50 PM



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**m4bowdon** - October 20, 2021 at 09:14 AM