



Jeanette Toquigne

September 17, 1951 - September 3, 2025

Our Beloved Jeanette Ann Toquigne, age 73 of Royal Oak, Michigan, passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by her three children and husband on Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

Jeanette was born in Savannah, Georgia to the late Stephen (Al) Cummins and Evangeline (Angie) Cummins on September 17, 1951, where she had a humble upbringing, eventually moving to Michigan.

Surviving are her husband of 46 years, James Toquigne, her children, Erik Toquigne (Colette), Inger Toquigne and Kristine Toquigne, along with her siblings, Steve Cummins (Sherri), Del Cummins, Dennis Cummins, Debbie Sarkisian Cummins (John Sarkisian), Lori Sust Cummins (Michael Sust), Sandy Wagner Cummins, brother in law, Bob Lipson (Kathy Toquigne) and her two beloved grandchildren, Jacob Toquigne and Sydney Toquigne, along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, father, sister-in-law, Kathleen Toquigne, her in-laws, Raymond and Gloria Toquigne, brother-in-law Mark Wagner, and brother Greg Cummins.

Beyond her immediate family, she was an adopted mom, sister and grandma to so many who knew her.

Jeanette graduated from Hazel Park High School in 1969 and went on to have a fulfilling career as Sales Manager at the Troy Hilton for over 25 years, where she hosted many stars and famous athletes from the likes of Steven Perry, Bob Hope and the entire 1982 Super Bowl bound Cincinnati Bengals Football team.

Following her successful career at the Troy Hilton, she independently operated the Blind Genie, selling and installing Hunter Douglas blinds for over 20 years. Because of her hard work, impeccable rapport with the customers she served and high sales, she and Jim were afforded the opportunity to travel to places like Australia, Paris, London, San Francisco, New York and Las Vegas. But their dream became reality in 1999, when Jeanette found a little piece of heaven in the Hills of Walloon Lake, where she, Jim and the entire Toquigne family vacationed together for nearly 50 years. A few years later, construction on their "up north" home began, and many memories over the years have been made while hosting family and friends in this special place that she never imagined they could own.

What will be missed most is Jeanette's selfless love for her children, grandchildren and family. Nothing meant more to her than spending time with her family and loved ones. To say that she was the "cool" mom on the block, is an understatement. If you knew her, you had a nickname, carrying on the tradition she gained from her father, Al. Her light-hearted, kind, and witty personality made her someone everyone wanted to be around; and who could forget, her beloved love bird, Lucy, who was always on her shoulder. Jeanette touched the lives of so many that knew her, and she will be deeply missed by all. To this day, her closest friends from grade school and high school remain, like an extension of her own family.

A memorial visitation and memorial service will be held at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd (four blocks east of Woodward).,

Royal Oak, on Sunday, September 7, 2025. Public visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until time of memorial service at 4:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the National Ataxia Foundation <https://www.ataxia.org/>.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

SEP 7. 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Memorial Service

SEP 7. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DD

“ So sorry to hear of Jeanette’s passing and my condolences to Jim and the family. I had the pleasure of being school mates and friends with Inger and Erik. Jeanette was always so friendly and positive. What a great Royal Oak family.

Drayke Dondero - September 18, 2025 at 11:13 PM

MA

“ Matthew A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeanette Toquigne.

Matthew A. - September 06, 2025 at 12:20 PM

DT

“ Denis and Thelma planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeanette Toquigne.

Denis and Thelma - September 06, 2025 at 07:39 AM

DT

“ Denis and Thelma purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jeanette Toquigne.



Denis and Thelma - September 06, 2025 at 07:39 AM

JF

“ James fiore purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Jeanette Toquigne.



James fiore - September 05, 2025 at 08:29 PM

SA

“ Sam purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Jeanette Toquigne.



Sam - September 05, 2025 at 05:26 PM

JZ

“ Thinking of the Toquigne family during this difficult time of loss. Thank you, Jeanette, for always being a good grandma to your "Sweet Boy", Jacob. RIP.



Jill Zamojcin - September 05, 2025 at 02:08 PM

BJ

“ Brian, Denise, Tara and Jo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeanette Toquigne.

Brian, Denise, Tara and Jo - September 05, 2025 at 01:58 PM

BJ

“ Brian, Denise, Tara and Jo purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jeanette Toquigne.



Brian, Denise, Tara and Jo - September 05, 2025 at 01:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jeanette Toquigne.



September 05, 2025 at 11:51 AM

JT

“ I remember Jeanette as a kind and gentle woman. She had helped me with window treatments in Lake Orion many years ago. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.
Judy Tarsney

judy tarsney - September 04, 2025 at 05:07 PM

BS

“ Brent, Jill, Abigail & James Simpson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeanette Toquigne.

Brent, Jill, Abigail & James Simpson - September 04, 2025 at 03:02 PM

BS

“ Brent, Jill, Abigail & James Simpson purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Jeanette Toquigne.



Brent, Jill, Abigail & James Simpson - September 04, 2025 at 03:02 PM

DE

“ Jean and Jim were kind enough to host our family reunion at their up north home a few years back. I tend to wake up at dawn and walk to the back of the lot. Jean awoke a few moments later and came out to the porch, sat on her chair, drinking her coffee while I just stood quietly. As if on cue, chipmunks ran to her feet, birds swooped down to the porch railing and deer proceeded towards her. I thought to myself, 'She's Mother Nature!'

Denny - September 04, 2025 at 03:02 PM

BH

“ Barry & Kendra Hurd planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeanette Toquigne.

Barry & Kendra Hurd - September 04, 2025 at 02:45 PM

BH

“ Barry & Kendra Hurd purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jeanette Toquigne.



Barry & Kendra Hurd - September 04, 2025 at 02:45 PM