



## Joan MacDonald

December 15, 1938 - October 16, 2022

Joan MacDonald, age 83, of Berkley, passed away on October 16, 2022.

More than anything else, Joan was devoted to her family, of which she was the heart and soul, and to her Catholic faith. Her life was centered around those who were closest to her. Whether it was attending her grandchildren's events, playing games, spending time together during the holidays--- especially Christmas, or just enjoying a trip out to eat (particularly at National Coney Island), Joan's focus was never far from her family. She was naturally drawn to teaching and served in the Detroit, Warren, and Berkley school systems over the course of her career.

Joan also had a love for bible study, being with her friends, and travel - enjoying twenty-five sea cruises with Fred throughout the world (many of which included her children). And along with shopping, her family will not forget a certain weakness she had for chocolate. But above all else, Joan will be remembered for her extraordinary kindness towards others. She will be dearly missed.

Beloved wife of Fred. Loving mother of Jerry, Patricia (Mike) MacDonald-Potts, and Mike (Jill). Proud grandmother of Kailey, Eli, Noah, and Grace. Dear sister of Jerry (Diane) Fagelman and late Joseph. Also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews.

Visitation will take place on Thursday, October 20 from 2 - 8 p.m. (6:30 p.m. Rosary and Sharing of Memories) at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. Eleven Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48067. Funeral Mass will take place on Friday, October 21, at 11:00 a.m. (visitation 10:30 a.m.) at Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church, 2600 Harvard Rd., Berkley.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital are appreciated.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Roseland Park Cemetery

29001 Woodward Avenue  
(NW corner of 12 Mile and Woodward)  
Berkley, MI 48072

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **20**. 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/>

## Rosary and Sharing of Memories

OCT **20**. 6:30 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Mass

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OCT **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church  
2600 Harvard Road  
Berkley, MI 48072

# Tribute Wall



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Joan MacDonald.*



October 20, 2022 at 09:44 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan MacDonald.*



October 18, 2022 at 06:59 PM



“ *Every time I saw Joan at her brother, Dr. Jerry's, office she always had a beautiful, peaceful smile. Always. Rest in peace Joan.  
Lee Mendenhall*

**Lee Mendenhall** - October 18, 2022 at 02:20 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Joan MacDonald.*



October 18, 2022 at 12:13 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joan MacDonald.*



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October 18, 2022 at 09:19 AM



“ *Heartfelt sympathy is sent to Fred, Gerald, Michael, Patti and all of Joan's beautiful grandchildren and her entire family. Joan was one of the most beautiful people I've ever had the honor to know. She was beautiful, sweet, kind and always had a smile to greet you with. She held God close to her heart and spirit, always. She will be missed by us so very much and by so very many people who knew her and loved her. A light went out on October 16, 2022. However, I have no doubt that should I look up into the night sky, I'll see her light shining down from Heaven as a star. In the arms of the angels! Rest in peace, beautiful Joanie!  
Love you to Life!  
Glenn and Susan Serafini*

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**Glenn and Susan Serafini** - October 17, 2022 at 08:05 PM