



Joan C. Patenaude

November 4, 1951 - February 5, 2026

Joan Carolyn Patenaude (Greenway), 74, of Madison Heights, passed away on February 5th, 2026, after a short battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Joan was born on November 4th, 1951, in Royal Oak, MI. A lifelong Royal Oak resident, Joan dedicated many years to a career as a vocational cosmetology educator. When not working, Joan enjoyed reading, crafting, travelling, and spending time with family and friends. She also rescued many cats, her most recent being "Baby Kitty".

Joan's greatest devotion was to her family. She is survived by her loving husband, Alfred Patenaude III; her children, Amy Novak (Jeremy) and Alfred Patenaude IV (Sara Patenaude); her sisters, Linda Chumick and Marcia Carson (Bob); three cherished grandchildren Ryan and Riley Novak and Camille Patenaude; and many other relatives she deeply cared for. She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and June Greenway, and her brother-in-law, Al Chumick.

Visitation for Joan will be on Monday, February 9, 2026 from 2:00 pm until time of the service at 5:00 pm at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. Burial will be at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery in Troy.

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 9. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

FEB 9. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PS

“ Paul Galbenski and the Oakland Schools cosmetology staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan C. Patenaude.

Paul Galbenski and the Oakland Schools cosmetology staff - February 09 at 10:12 PM

CL

“ Joan was a best friend, who always had your back. She always went out of her way for her family, friends and those in need. My heart breaks with her passing, she will deeply be missed



Carolyn Lindholm - February 09 at 08:13 PM

JG

“ Jeanne G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan C. Patenaude.

Jeanne G. - February 09 at 11:27 AM

FF

“ Fernandes Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan C. Patenaude.

Fernandes Family - February 09 at 10:05 AM

FF

“*Fernandes Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Joan C. Patenaude.*



Fernandes Family - February 09 at 10:05 AM

CD

“*Courtney and Arthur Dmochowski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan C. Patenaude.*

Courtney and Arthur Dmochowski - February 08 at 02:46 PM



“*Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joan C. Patenaude.*



February 08 at 02:46 PM

LF

“*Love your SEAS family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan C. Patenaude.*

Love your SEAS family - February 08 at 02:09 PM

LF

“ Love your SEAS family purchased the Serene Re treat for the family of Joan C. Patenaude.



Love your SEAS family - February 08 at 02:09 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joan C. Patenaude.



February 08 at 10:26 AM

CP

“ Constance P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan C. Patenaude.

Constance P. - February 07 at 09:14 PM