



Joann Helen Olesko

November 3, 1943 - March 21, 2025

Joann Helen Olesko, 81, of Berkley, MI passed away on March 21, 2025. She was born on November 3, 1943 in Hamtramck, MI to Stanley and Hedwig Kolasinski. Joann was predeceased by her husband of 50 years, Gerald Richard Olesko. Dearest mother of son Andrew Martin, daughter Mary Lynn (Jeremy), loving grandmother to Finnegan and Evelyn.

She will be remembered for her intellect, generosity, kind heart, quick wit, and love of laughter.

Joann was deeply religious, with unwavering faithfulness to the Catholic church. Rarely missing weekly mass, she found comfort and solace in worship. She enjoyed collecting prayer books, reading and learning about martyrs, saints, and others who dedicated their lives to the loving pursuit of God.

Joann was a garage sale enthusiast, always on the hunt of a good deal. She loved and looked forward to hosting an annual yard sale with her sisters and friends. She would often spend her weekend hours as an “early bird” at resale shops purchasing gently used clothing, household goods and décor.

She had an enduring devotion to her family, a cornerstone of support and strength. She had the ability to brighten spirits by lending an ear and offering

encouragement.

She retired from Volkswagen of American after a fruitful 30-year career.

A Memorial Visitation will take place on Thursday, March 27, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak, 48067. Friends and family will gather on Friday, March 28, from 9:30 am until time of Memorial Mass at 10:00 am at National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, 2100 12 Mile Rd, Royal Oak, 48073.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in memory to the Alzheimer's Association.

Cemetery Details

Roseland Park Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 27. 5:30 PM - 7:30 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/>

Memorial Mass

MAR 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica
2100 Twelve Mile Rd
Royal Oak, MI 48073-3910
(248) 541-4122

In State 9:30 am

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joann Helen Olesko.

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“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Joann Helen Olesko.



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“ Joann was a special lady and a dear friend during our VCI days. Always willing to help out with a smile and encouragement. Joann's dedication to her job and work ethic was admired by all who knew her. RIP my friend. You will always be remembered for the special friendship we shared. God bless her family with many special memories.

Rose Ann Cleland - March 26, 2025 at 12:26 AM



“ The McMillian's purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joann Helen Olesko.



The McMillian's - March 24, 2025 at 02:09 PM