



## Joyce Thomas

June 9, 1945 - July 10, 2024

Joyce M. Thomas (nee' Wolgast), age 79, passed away on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, in Rochester Hills, Michigan. She was born on June 9, 1945, to the late Norman and Irene (nee DeHem) Wolgast.

Joyce began her career as a dedicated teacher at Clintondale Schools, where she inspired and educated countless students. After many fulfilling years in education, she and her beloved husband, Michael, embarked on a new adventure, owning and operating the Huddle Bar & Grill in Almont, Michigan, for 14 wonderful years.

Joyce had a passion for cooking, tending to the beautiful flowers around her home, and traveling to Venice, Florida, where she spent her winters. She enjoyed visiting the casino and was known for her kindness and generosity. Above all, spending time with her grandchildren and family was of utmost importance to her.

Joyce is survived by her loving husband of 55 years, Michael; her cherished children, Jennifer (Erik) Reis and Amy (Aaron) Eonta; and her adored grandchildren, Michael Merritt, Jack Reis, Joseph Merritt, and Libby Reis. She is also survived by her brother, Roger (Beverly) Wolgast, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister, Arlene Ellis.

Joyce will be deeply missed by all who knew her, and her legacy of love, kindness, and generosity will live on in the hearts of her family and friends.

Family and friends will be gathering for visitation and service at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. Van Dyke) Utica on Friday, July 12, 2024 from 3-8pm, a funeral service will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2024 at 11am.

Memorials appreciated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 [www.stjude.org/tribute](http://www.stjude.org/tribute). Please share a memory with her family at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**JUL 12.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

### Funeral Service

**JUL 13.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

AB

“ Arlene Cooper-Maurer & Bob purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joyce Thomas.



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**Arlene Cooper-Maurer & Bob** - July 12, 2024 at 04:36 PM

DS

“ Sending my condolences and blessings to Joyce’s family. I remember Joyce from when my parents (Dolores and Jack Silver) used to take us kids to Aunt Irene’s farm. May your memories give you peace.



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**Donna Silver** - July 12, 2024 at 04:27 PM

LR

“ Love, Mark and Melissa Ryan purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Joyce Thomas.



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**Love, Mark and Melissa Ryan** - July 12, 2024 at 10:37 AM

CD

“ Cousin Dennis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Thomas.

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**Cousin Dennis** - July 12, 2024 at 06:55 AM

CD

“ *Cousin Dennis purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joyce Thomas.*



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**Cousin Dennis** - July 12, 2024 at 06:55 AM

JV

“ *Joe and Mary Jane Volturo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Thomas.*

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**Joe and Mary Jane Volturo** - July 11, 2024 at 04:31 PM

JV

“ *Joe and Mary Jane Volturo purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joyce Thomas.*



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**Joe and Mary Jane Volturo** - July 11, 2024 at 04:31 PM

LN

“ *Love, Scott, Lara and Nancy purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Joyce Thomas.*



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**Love, Scott, Lara and Nancy** - July 11, 2024 at 03:57 PM

HP

“ Hank and Shari Piet purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joyce Thomas.



Hank and Shari Piet - July 11, 2024 at 02:55 PM

KW

“ Kathleen W. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Joyce Thomas.



Kathleen W. - July 11, 2024 at 11:42 AM

LM

“ Leslie M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Thomas.

Leslie M. - July 11, 2024 at 08:30 AM

CB

“ Our sincere condolences on the passing of joyce Bernard and christiane six-brouckaert from kortrijk, belgium

Christiane Brouckaert - July 11, 2024 at 07:05 AM

LL

“ Love, Jessica, Alicia and Laurie purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Joyce Thomas.



Love, Jessica, Alicia and Laurie - July 10, 2024 at 11:38 PM

JR

“ Julie R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Thomas.

Julie R. - July 10, 2024 at 10:48 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joyce Thomas.



July 10, 2024 at 10:19 PM

WE

“ With love, Ingrid and Ernie purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Joyce Thomas.



With love, Ingrid and Ernie - July 10, 2024 at 07:27 PM

AC

“ Anthony & Lara Clendenen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Thomas.

Anthony & Lara Clendenen - July 10, 2024 at 06:36 PM

AC

“ Anthony & Lara Clendenen purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joyce Thomas.



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**Anthony & Lara Clendenen** - July 10, 2024 at 06:36 PM

JV

“ Joyce Vought lit a candle in memory of Joyce Thomas



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**Joyce Vought** - July 10, 2024 at 05:49 PM

JV

Joyce was a precious and beautiful friend to everyone. I am devastated to hear of her passing. My heart breaks for the entire family. I am sending my love and prayers to you all.

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**Joyce Ann Vought** - July 12, 2024 at 09:53 AM

DL

“ David L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Thomas.

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**David L.** - July 10, 2024 at 05:48 PM

AS

“ All our love, Ryan and Jessica Stowers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Thomas.

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**All our love, Ryan and Jessica Stowers** - July 10, 2024 at 04:03 PM

AS

“ *All our love, Ryan and Jessica Stowers purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joyce Thomas.*



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**All our love, Ryan and Jessica Stowers** - July 10, 2024 at 04:03 PM

JM

“ *Mike, Jennifer, Amy and family,  
We are so very sorry to hear about Joyce's passing. We have so many happy memories spending time with you all. May she rest in peace. It is a tribute to Joyce to know her quick wit and kindness for others will be a lasting memory for all that knew and loved her.  
All our love,  
Julie and John*

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**julie mangliers** - July 10, 2024 at 03:38 PM