



## Linda Z. Sauchak

July 27, 1962 - May 3, 2022

Linda Zina Sauchak, a resident of Huntington Woods, passed away on May 3, 2022 at the age of 59. A daughter of John and Nina (nee Shilko), she was born on July 27, 1962 in Detroit. Linda studied food science at Michigan State University before graduating from the Culinary Institute of America in New York. She made her career as a chef in several restaurants, including Amway Grand Plaza, Bijou, Holiday Market, and The Earle. Linda was a well-rounded chef, but was particularly gifted in pastry making. She married the love of her life, Carol Lakinske, on June 19, 2014 in New Hampshire. Linda cherished being a mother to her daughter, Grace.

Linda's baking was superior to her singing, but she never hesitated to belt out a tune for friends and family. She was a jokester whose laugh was equal parts hideous, contagious, and genuine. She made Halloween costumes for her family that followed a different theme every year, including Disney, Spongebob Squarepants, and Shrek. Linda was a diehard Spartan fan (Go Green!) and loved all animals. She kept a fishing pole in her trunk, and particularly enjoyed catching fish in Florida and the Upper Peninsula. Selfless beyond measure, Linda was a caretaker to others. She loved her family and friends ferociously and will be dearly missed.

Beloved wife of Carol Lakinske. Loving mother of Grace Lakinske. Dear sister of John (Gayle) and Greg (Donna) Sauchak. Cherished aunt of Brooke (Grant

Phillips), Bradley, Christina (Dan) Bierley, and Alex Sauchak. Treasured niece of Irene Prosser and Louise Senich. Doting owner of Beagle/Chihuahua mix Joy Joy, and cats Mr. Boo and Abby. Linda was preceded in death by her parents, sister Judy Sauchak, and uncles George Shilko, Earl Prosser, and Mark Senich.

A visitation for Linda will take place on Friday, May 6, from 2:00 until 8:00 pm and on Saturday, May 7, from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (4 blks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak, 48067. A funeral service for Linda will be held on Saturday, May 7, at 2:00 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church, 26998 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak, 48067. Linda will be laid to rest privately at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Linda's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to the Boys and Girls Club of Lansing/John and Nina Sauchak Scholarship Fund, 4315 Pleasant Grove Rd, Lansing, MI 48910.

# Cemetery Details

## Glen Eden Memorial Park - West

35667 W. 8 Mile Road  
(between Newburgh & Farmington)  
Livonia, MI 48152

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 6. 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/>

## Visitation

MAY 7. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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MAY 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church  
26998 Woodward Avenue  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ Grace, I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I remember her as a kind-hearted lady who raised a beautiful and equally kind-hearted daughter. Please give a hug to mama Carol from me. Love, Ms. Debbie from FCMA

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**Deb Byrd** - May 07, 2022 at 10:19 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Linda Z. Sauchak.



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May 06, 2022 at 03:10 PM

SM

“ Linda was loved by many! She was kind-hearted, loving, funny, always positive and a true Angel ! My mother (Carol's Aunt Elaine) always enjoyed spending time with Linda, Carol and Grace, along with Linda's mother and aunt.

*I will miss receiving photos of Linda and Grace in their Halloween costumes - they always looked fantastic!*

*There are some who bring a light so great to the world, that even after they're gone, the light remains - This is Linda*

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**Sandra Miko** - May 06, 2022 at 12:16 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Linda Z. Sauchak.



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May 06, 2022 at 06:37 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Linda Z. Sauchak.



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May 05, 2022 at 04:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Linda Z. Sauchak.



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May 05, 2022 at 02:08 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Linda Z. Sauchak.



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May 05, 2022 at 01:31 PM

LF

“ Linda created an exceptional cake to celebrate my son’s first visit leading to his adoption by our family. Our son loved Shrek & the cake had the entire “swamp” with details covering the top of the cake. He loved it. We loved it. It was obvioUs that Linda’s love went into that cake. What a gift. What a beautiful memory that could not have been created but by such a beautiful person. Memory Eternal Linda! You will be missed.



Lisa Prokurat Franks - May 05, 2022 at 11:59 AM



“ Linda is one of the most beautiful people I have ever known. She was so kind and caring, never missing a birthday, anniversary or holiday. She remembered my parents every year on their birthdays and dates of death. And her sense of humor was the best! My sisters and I always called her sister and she was like a sister to me. Even during the pain of her cancer struggle, she cared deeply about everyone in her life, especially Carol and Grace. I will miss you deeply Linda. I love you, Katie DeGoede

Katie DeGoede - May 05, 2022 at 11:46 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Z. Sauchak.



May 05, 2022 at 10:37 AM