



Louise Cowan

December 20, 1933 - March 27, 2025

Louise A. Cowan, age 91, of South Lyon, Michigan, passed away on March 27th, 2025. She was born on December 20, 1933, to Peter and Mary Jakubowski. Louise lived a long and fulfilling life, touching the hearts of all who knew her. Louise graduated from St. Hyacinth Grade School and St. Anthony High School. She spent much of her life in Detroit and St. Clair Shores before moving to Cambrian Senior Living in South Lyon.

Louise was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who cherished her family above all else. She is survived by her beloved children: Dennis (Andrea) Cowan, Judi (Dave) Tillema, John (Danielle) Cowan, and Sharon (Skip) Wagner. She was a proud and loving grandmother to Sara Stark, Danny Cowan, Kaitlyn Cowan, Stephanie Kocis, Kevin Cowan, Joe Cowan, Matthew Wagner, and Mallory Wagner. Her legacy continues through her great-grandchildren: Nathan Stark, Samantha Stark, Andrew Kocis, Austin Kocis, Oliver Wagner, and Judd Wagner.

She was preceded in death by her dear parents, Peter and Mary, and her beloved sister, Rose.

The pillars of Louise's life were her family, faith and service to others. She worked for the Archdiocese of Detroit for nearly 30 years at the Chancery in Downtown Detroit. She was the last executive secretary for Cardinal John

Dearden before his retirement. While working full-time, Louise went back to school and completed an Associate's Degree at Macomb Community College. She took numerous theology classes at Sacred Heart Seminary, from where she received her certification for ministry as a Catholic hospital chaplain. For over a decade, in "retirement", she served at Children's Hospital of Michigan and Bon Secours Hospital, counseling and supporting those facing health challenges. She was very active in the parishes where she lived, most notably St. Raymond (Detroit) and St. Margaret (St. Clair Shores).

Louise enjoyed sharing her good sense of humor, a competitive card game (she was a "Pinochle Queen") and travel. She loved to go "bummin" with family and friends, always looking for a new adventure. She and her cousin were the original "Thelma and Louise", going on some legendary trips together.

The family is very grateful for the wonderful care and support Louise received from the nurses and staff at Cambrian Senior Living and Carelink Hospice. It was inspiring for the family to see so many visit her room on her last day to say farewell and pray for her.

A Memorial Service will be held at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica in Royal Oak (2100 12 Mile Rd, Royal Oak, MI 48073) on Friday April 11, 2025 at 10 am, with an instate of 9:30 am. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Louise's memory to Careline Hospice (Bingham Farms, Michigan) or Province of St. Joseph of the Capuchin Order (St. Bonaventure Monastery) in Detroit.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

APR 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica
2100 W. 12 Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Tribute Wall

SB

“ Sarah B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Louise Cowan.

Sarah B. - April 12, 2025 at 12:53 PM

JL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Justin "Robert" Micheal Leduc - April 11, 2025 at 11:54 AM

PK

“ Pam K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Louise Cowan.

Pam K. - April 09, 2025 at 10:50 AM

JN

“ So sorry for your loss of such a beautiful lady.

julie Nowak - April 09, 2025 at 07:51 AM

TL

“ The Lejmans purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Louise Cowan.



The Lejmans - April 08, 2025 at 07:59 PM

MN

“ *She had one of the greatest laughs. She was full of Joy life and love. She will be greatly missed by all that knew her.*

Mike Nowak - April 08, 2025 at 08:31 AM

TH

“ *The Staff of Yale Junior High purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Louise Cowan.*



The Staff of Yale Junior High - April 07, 2025 at 02:39 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Louise Cowan.*



April 07, 2025 at 09:15 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Louise Cowan.*

April 07, 2025 at 09:15 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Louise Cowan.*



April 07, 2025 at 08:10 AM



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

April 07, 2025 at 08:10 AM



“ Love, Colleen & Mark Olin purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Louise Cowan.



Love, Colleen & Mark Olin - April 06, 2025 at 11:00 AM



“ Love, Colleen & Mark Olin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Louise Cowan.

Love, Colleen & Mark Olin - April 06, 2025 at 11:00 AM



“ Louise always made my father and mother In laws laugh when she came to visit. She loved teasing my father in law. She was a very special lady.
Laura Nowak

Laura Nowak - April 05, 2025 at 11:59 AM



“ Bon Secours Associate Office purchased the *Serene Retreat* for the family of Louise Cowan.



Bon Secours Associate Office - April 02, 2025 at 11:35 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Louise Cowan.*



April 01, 2025 at 08:31 PM



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April 01, 2025 at 08:31 PM



“ *Condolences to the Cowan family. Louise was a very special lady and will be so missed. Love to you all.
Debi and Jim Boismier.*

Debi Boismier - March 31, 2025 at 07:48 PM



“ *On behalf of the Capuchin friars, I offer sympathies to the family and friends of Louise Cowan upon her death. May she rest in peace, and may God's mercy comfort her family as they grieve. The friars are truly humbled by memorial donations made to St. Bonaventure Monastery. The Lord give you peace.*



Br. Brenton Ertel OFM, Capuchin - March 31, 2025 at 02:44 PM

WB

“ My condolences to the Cowan family
The love affair between Louise and her family now becomes a
spiritual affair one that will last on into eternity
I will keep her in my prayers always
Bill Beluzo

William Beluzo - March 31, 2025 at 01:38 PM

KM

“ So sorry for the Cowan family loss. The Miller family offer their
sincere condolence.

Karin L Miller - March 30, 2025 at 11:38 PM

IL

“ So sorry for loss and send prayers during this difficult time to the
entire family. ❤️
Love and prayers, Ilene Latasiewicz

Ilene Latatadiewicz - March 30, 2025 at 11:02 PM

LA

“ I knew Louise since I was in highschool with Sharon. Years later
when my mom and Louise ran Bingo at Oakmont. My last fond
memory was "happy hour" with our moms in Louise's apartment
around Christmas. She was a great lady!

Laura - March 30, 2025 at 08:46 PM

CK

Loved Louise we had so many good times together, so many laughs,
so many memories. Louise Rest In Peace.

Catherine Kosanke - April 08, 2025 at 06:32 PM