



Lynora Abramson

February 6, 1935 - June 7, 2025

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Lynora Mary Abramson, of Bloomfield Hills, passed away peacefully on June 7, 2025, at the age of 90. Born in Detroit on February 6, 1935, she was the daughter of Lloyd and Nora Stiverson and grew up in Berkley and Pleasant Ridge alongside her siblings and cousins. She is predeceased by her husband, Dave, her parents, sister, Kathleen Stiverson, and brother, Lloyd Stiverson.

Her childhood was filled with neighborhood softball games, imaginative play, and music—memories made more vivid by the visits of Fr. Solanus Casey, who would play his violin in their family home. One of Lynora's most profound personal memories was helping to care for her sister, Kathleen, during her illness in 1947—a loss that left a permanent mark. She spoke to Kathleen in prayer every day of her life.

Lynora attended both Shrine and St. Mary's High Schools in Royal Oak, where she excelled academically. She was awarded a full scholarship to Siena Heights College, which she attended for a year before returning home to help support her family. During these years, she cared tenderly for her mother during an illness.

A lifelong and devout Catholic, Lynora was deeply committed to her faith and her country. In her early adulthood, she was active in Quin 6, a Catholic young adults' group near the University of Detroit. Her professional life was varied and notable: she worked for Fr. Charles Coughlin at Shrine, served as a lobbyist in Washington D.C., and was involved with the campaigns of Barry Goldwater and Richard Nixon. She wrote political articles for small publications and never hesitated to share her convictions.

Lynora married Dave Abramson in 1966, and together they built a life rooted in family, faith, and community. Her life was marked by love and service. She was a Brownie leader, a Picture Lady, a dedicated member of the St. Regis Altar Society, and active in nearly every women's group at St. Regis Parish. When a new event was being put together at St. Regis, such as the Paschal Dinner, it was common for the pastor, Fr. Murphy, to say, "We should call Lynora for this, she'll know how to handle it." The Christmas luminaria that are now ubiquitous in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area, were first seen in the 1970s at the St. Regis rectory thanks to Lynora.

Her children and grandchildren were her greatest joy, and she delighted in their accomplishments, their company, and their laughter. Summers at Echo Park and Woodside swim clubs and motor home trips to the Outer Banks and Virginia Beach were treasured family traditions.

Lynora loved cooking, baking, watching sports—especially baseball—and reading. She learned something new every day. She had a fondness for comedies, musicals, history films, and religious movies, with *The Sound of Music* topping her favorites list. She loved to laugh and enjoyed all types of music, with a special affinity for Neil Diamond, whom she saw in concert many times.

An engaging conversationalist, Lynora made new friends everywhere she went and maintained friendships that went back to her youth.

Faithful, spirited, and deeply devoted to her family, Lynora lived a full and textured life. In her own words:

"I loved my life. I had a lot of happiness and a lot of sadness, and I loved all of it. I wouldn't change a thing."

Lynora was Mom to Joe (Ginny), Molly Sawarynski (Phil), Katy Winter (Tim), and Lloyd (Adrienne). She was Nana to Charlotte and Nora Sawarynski, Henry, Olive, and Lloyd Winter, and June, Jolee, and Gwen Abramson. She is also survived by sisters Mary Young and Anne Marie Kowalski, step-grandson Brandon Byrne, brother-in-law Paul Young, sister-in-law Mary Anne Stiverson, many nieces and nephews, and countless friends.

She will be dearly missed and lovingly remembered.

Visitation for Lynora will be held on Thursday, June 19 from 2 - 8 p.m. (Prayer Service and Sharing of Memories at 6:30 p.m.) at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (four blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. The Funeral Mass for Lynora will be celebrated on Friday, June 20 at 10:00 a.m. (visitation 9:30 a.m.) at National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, 2100 Twelve Mile Rd., Royal Oak. Interment will take place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Memorial contributions in honor of Lynora can be directed to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen (www.cskdetroit.org/ways_to_give/donations), Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament (www.opnuns-fh.org/giving), or Angela Hospice (www.angelahospice.org/donate).

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 19. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Prayer Service and Sharing of Memories

JUN 19. 6:30 PM (ET)

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705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Funeral Mass

JUN 20. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Burial

JUN 20. 11:45 AM (ET)

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery
25800 W. 10 Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48033

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Janet S. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lynora Abramson.

Janet S. - June 22, 2025 at 05:09 PM

JS

“ Jennie and I so very sorry to learn of Lynora's death. I had no idea she had such diverse interests and was so active in the community. I know she will be missed by all her children and the grands, and her many friends. We are planting a tree in her memory. Love to all of you. Janet and Jennie Shearer

Janet Shearer - June 22, 2025 at 05:03 PM



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

June 19, 2025 at 07:39 PM

BL

“ Becca and Margaret Loose planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lynora Abramson.

Becca and Margaret Loose - June 19, 2025 at 12:37 PM

BL

“ Becca and Margaret Loose purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Lynora Abramson.



Becca and Margaret Loose - June 19, 2025 at 12:37 PM

TF

“ The Reis Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lynora Abramson.

The Reis Family - June 18, 2025 at 09:32 AM

TF

“ The Reis Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Lynora Abramson.



The Reis Family - June 18, 2025 at 09:32 AM



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

June 17, 2025 at 09:48 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Lynora Abramson.



June 17, 2025 at 09:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lynora Abramson.



June 17, 2025 at 02:20 PM



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

June 17, 2025 at 11:10 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Lynora Abramson.



June 17, 2025 at 11:10 AM



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

June 17, 2025 at 07:38 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Lynora Abramson.



June 17, 2025 at 07:38 AM



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

June 16, 2025 at 11:12 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Lynora Abramson.



June 14, 2025 at 09:09 PM



“ On behalf of the Capuchin friars, I offer condolences to the family and friends of Lynora Abramson upon her death. I pray that Lynora may rest in peace, and that God's mercy may console all those who mourn her death. The friars are truly humbled by memorial donations made in her memory to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. The Lord give you peace.



Br. Brenton Ertel OFM, Capuchin - June 12, 2025 at 09:53 AM



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

June 10, 2025 at 04:53 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lynora Abramson.



June 10, 2025 at 04:53 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Lynora Abramson.



June 10, 2025 at 01:05 PM



“ Over the past ten years, I got to know Lynora while assisting her w/ simple errands requested by her daughters Molly & Katye. Lynora was a honest, unselfish, well read, and highly intelligent caring conversationalist that enjoyed politics, her faith, sports, and most of all her family. I am better off from knowing her and will miss her greatly. I wish her family my condolences, sympathy.

Carl Guething - June 10, 2025 at 12:07 PM

GH

Joe and I had the pleasure of being neighbors. Our units were next to hers and we often met in the hallway or on the balcony and engaged in conversation. Lynora was always kind and asked about my Mom who also lived in the same building and is 99. She never failed to be concerned and encouraging. Always had a smile and something kind to say. The world has lost one of it's brightest smiles.

Geri Hynes - June 20, 2025 at 10:55 AM

KW

Aww. Thank you for sharing. She enjoyed her wonderful neighbors there. I heard lots about your family and mother. How blessed you all are. 99! Let's go 100. I pray she and you all are doing well. - Katye (daughter in Texas)

Katye Winter - July 02, 2025 at 12:23 AM

KW

Carl, you were such a blessing to our mom. We can never thank you enough for looking out for her with us girls being so far away. A million thanks.

Katye Winter - July 02, 2025 at 12:25 AM

SM

Sally and I loved Lenora. Just now heard of her passing. Condolences to Joe and all of her family.

Sally and Jack McGrath - October 29, 2025 at 03:17 PM