



Margaret Backus

August 27, 1931 - July 16, 2025

Margaret Backus (née Hencak) passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on July 16, 2025, at the age of 93.

Margaret was the beloved mother of Cathleen Backus, Christine Backus, Louis (Grace) Backus Jr., and Paulette (Don) Treutle. She was a proud and devoted grandmother to 12 grandchildren and a cherished great-grandmother to 21 great-grandchildren. Her family was the center of her world, and she found immense joy in watching them grow and thrive.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Louis Backus Sr., her parents, Michael and Helen Hencak, and her brother, Henry Hencak.

Margaret was known for her nurturing spirit, unwavering kindness, and warm heart. She had a quiet strength and a gentle presence that made everyone around her feel cared for. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the light of her life, and she leaves behind a legacy of love, generosity, and devotion to family.

Her memory will be forever treasured by those who knew and loved her.

A visitation for Margaret will be held on Saturday, July 19, from 10am until the time of the funeral service at 1pm at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd. (3 blks. E. of Van Dyke) in Utica.

The family asks that any memorial donations in honor of Margaret be made out to the Utica Lions club at: <<https://www.lionsuticami.com/events>>, or to the Utica American Legion post 351 at: <<https://www.alpost351.org/donations-needed-for-sale>>.

Cemetery Details

Christian Memorial Gardens West

521 E. Hamlin Road
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317

Funeral Service

JUL 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

F.

“ To Chris and Family, our deepest sympathy for the loss of your mom. You are all in our thoughts. Thank you for sharing memorial donations details. Her memory will live on through supporting those she loved most. ~F.I.T.

F.I.T. - July 18, 2025 at 01:24 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Backus.



July 18, 2025 at 08:45 AM

LB

“ Liz Boehm purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Margaret Backus.



Liz Boehm - July 17, 2025 at 09:31 PM

BR

“ Brenda and Pat Ritchie purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Margaret Backus.



Brenda and Pat Ritchie - July 17, 2025 at 11:17 AM

AJ

“ Lou and family, I am deeply saddened at the loss of your mom, she was such a kind lady and always cheerful. I'm glad I got to know her through the years both at Backus Autowash and family gatherings. God bless you and your family.

Alan May Jr - July 17, 2025 at 11:06 AM

JA

“ Lou, We are so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Jim Aleck - July 17, 2025 at 09:54 AM

RV

“ My condolences to the Backus Family on your loss. She was always pleasant and smiling when I would see her at the car wash and a pleasure to talk to. May she rest in peace with her husband, Lou Sr.

Rick VanSice - July 17, 2025 at 09:15 AM