



## Maria Kaza Beland

July 31, 1966 - July 19, 2025

Maria Kaza Beland, age 58, of Royal Oak, passed away on July 19, 2025. She was born on July 31, 1966 in Wyandotte to John and Mary Kaza.

Maria grew up in Trenton and graduated from Gabriel Richard Catholic High School. She went on to earn her bachelor's degree from Ferris State University.

Maria spent her entire career in medical sales, starting with Convatec and later working with AOTI. Outside of work, she had a deep love for travel. While at Convatec, she had the opportunity to travel abroad, with visits to destinations like Italy, South Africa, and the Caribbean-experiences she thoroughly enjoyed. Another especially meaningful trip was to China, where she visited her brother during his time working there.

Maria had a huge circle of friends from her high school and college days, and she absolutely loved spending time with all of them. Lots of meticulous planning went into many fun getaways over the years that created enduring memories for Maria and her friends. And although Maria faced health challenges in recent years, she rarely let them hold her back. She embraced life with energy and enthusiasm, always eager to try something new-whether it was a wine tasting or experimenting in the kitchen, where she was famously quick to reach for raisins as a stand-in for just about any missing ingredient.

Maria cherished her friends and family deeply-including her beloved dogs-and her generous, kind-hearted spirit left a lasting impression on everyone she met. Always willing to lend a hand, she gave freely of her time and care. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Maria will be remembered as the beloved wife of Rich, to whom she was wed on June 7, 2003). Loving mother of Malachi. Dear sister of Steve (Fukiko) Kaza, Greg (Sarah) Kaza, and the late Krystina (survived by Julian Hooper). She is further survived by her niece and four nephews.

Visitation for Maria will be held on Friday, July 25, from 2 - 8 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (four blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, July 26, at 10:00 a.m. (visitation 9:30 a.m.) at St. Mary Catholic Church, 730 S. Lafayette Ave, Royal Oak.

Memorial contributions in honor of Maria can be directed to Lupus Research Alliance: [www.lupusresearch.org](http://www.lupusresearch.org).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **25.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Mass

JUL **26.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
730 S. Lafayette Avenue  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

# Tribute Wall

JO

“ On behalf of our treatment team at Eastpointe, I want to extend our deepest condolences to Maria's family - and to all who had the privilege of knowing this remarkable, courageous, and tender woman. She was so blessed to be so loved and to have the support of such a strong family and community of friends in whom she found the strength to face many a challenge.

*Jane Omilian and Staff at Eastpointe*

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Jane Omilian - August 08, 2025 at 03:48 PM

YC

“ Your many friends at Convatec purchased the Ful I Of Love Bouquet for the family of Maria Kaza Beland.



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Your many friends at Convatec - July 25, 2025 at 09:07 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Maria Kaza Beland.



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July 24, 2025 at 10:33 PM



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

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July 24, 2025 at 10:33 PM

TD

“ Timothy Peterson, Greg & Kathleen Drawbaugh purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Maria Kaza Beland.



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**Timothy Peterson, Greg & Kathleen Drawbaugh** - July 24, 2025 at 04:48 PM

BS

“ I am shocked and saddened by Maria's passing. I was privileged to be Maria's manager at ConvaTec. She treated her customers as she treated everyone....with respect, kindness, and empathy. My sincere condolences to Rich, Malachi and her family as well as her many friends and her sorority sisters. We will all miss her.  
Bernie Sodaitis

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**Bernie Sodaitis** - July 24, 2025 at 01:37 PM

WM

“ With Love, Dan and Buffy McCourt purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Maria Kaza Beland.



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**With Love, Dan and Buffy McCourt** - July 24, 2025 at 01:26 PM

JH

“ We are deeply saddened to hear of Maria's passing. We have the warmest memories of our times together as family. Our sincere condolences to Rich and Malachi, we are thinking of you

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**Julian Hooper** - July 24, 2025 at 02:31 AM

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“ Pam, Shelly, Al and Greg planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Kaza Beland.

Pam, Shelly, Al and Greg - July 23, 2025 at 12:25 PM

PG

“ Pam, Shelly, Al and Greg purchased the Beautiful Whisper for the family of Maria Kaza Beland.



Pam, Shelly, Al and Greg - July 23, 2025 at 12:25 PM

AT

“ Angela and Randy Turner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Kaza Beland.

Angela and Randy Turner - July 23, 2025 at 11:50 AM

AT

“ Angela and Randy Turner purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Maria Kaza Beland.



Angela and Randy Turner - July 23, 2025 at 11:50 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Maria Kaza Beland.



July 22, 2025 at 09:57 PM



“ Frank, Jade, Beck Mayer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Kaza Beland.

Frank, Jade, Beck Mayer - July 22, 2025 at 07:24 PM



“ Frank, Jade, Beck Mayer purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Maria Kaza Beland.



Frank, Jade, Beck Mayer - July 22, 2025 at 07:24 PM



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

July 22, 2025 at 03:12 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Maria Kaza Beland.*



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July 22, 2025 at 03:12 PM



“ *Michael Lopez purchased the Simply Elegant Sp  
athiphyllum for the family of Maria Kaza Beland.*



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**Michael Lopez** - July 22, 2025 at 01:12 PM



“ *I was lucky to know Maria from grade school through college - we shared so many memories along the way. She was kind and a genuine friend to all who knew her. I'll always cherish the memories we shared. My heartfelt condolences to her family and loved ones.*

*Jill (Ditzhazy) Balazsi*

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**Jill Balazsi** - July 22, 2025 at 11:01 AM