



## Marilyn Kramer

May 24, 1932 - February 5, 2024

Marilyn Kramer nee Karczewski, 91, of Clinton Township Michigan, died on Monday, February 5, 2024.

Marilyn was born in Hamtramck, Michigan on May 24, 1932 to John Karczewski and Anna (Rzepkowski) Karczewski. She was the youngest of four children and was preceded in death by her parents John and Anna, brother Donald Karczewski, two sisters Bernadine Ostin, and Geraldine Karczewski.

Marilyn graduated from St. Florian High School where she earned a full-scholarship, but unfortunately, her family still could not afford to send her to college. She married Richard Kramer on January 31, 1953. Together they had three children, Nancy (Christopher) Petiprin, Gail (Edward) Laughhunn, and Greg (Sharon) Kramer. She also had twins Mary, and Ann, who did not survive, and entered into eternal rest in 1970. She is survived by eight grandchildren, Chris (Courtney) Petiprin, Scott (Sara) Petiprin, Jamie (Mike) Quinlan, Jessica Laughhunn, Sarah Laughhunn, Aubry (Garrett) Burton, Claudia Kramer, Argot Kramer, and nine great-grandchildren, the youngest of whom is 3 months old, Claire, Zachary, Lucy, Corinne, Alaina, Michael, Patrick, Braden, and Bronson.

Finding herself suddenly single in 1991, she followed the advice of a co-

worker who told her to reinvent herself, and started shopping for a new church home. She intended to sample many churches before making a choice, and she started with St. Michaels in Sterling Heights. Immediately upon entering, she fell in love with the music being played, and St. Michaels became her home. She was an active volunteer, choir member, and employee of the church until March of 2020.

Marilyn was an usher at several local theaters, and a member of the Goodfellows, Italian Cultural Center, and The Red Hats. She took many trips with senior groups, and traveled to Washington DC, Europe, California, Alaska and Disney with family.

Marilyn worked as a cashier at Mount Clemens General Hospital (now McLaren Macomb) for over thirty years until she retired in 2006, at the age of 73. After retirement, she continued to volunteer at the coffee cart early on Wednesday mornings for many years. Her final volunteer job at the hospital was as a visiting eucharistic minister, and she worked up until the day before the world shut down for COVID 19.

Post pandemic she became less active, but no less feisty. She enjoyed visiting with family members and their dogs, and reminiscing about her childhood home on Danforth in Hamtramck, Michigan.

“You know, it’s funny, because you can look at life, and one day is just another day, and then another day. But when you get old and you look back there were a lot of treasures there.” -Marilyn Kramer on March 15, 2021

In memory of Marilyn, family and friends will be gathering for a visitation at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica on Saturday, February 10, 2024 from 2-7pm with a rosary 5pm. (Please Note- No visitation will be held on Sunday, February 11, 2024)

A Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, February, 2024 at St. Michael Catholic Church 40501 Hayes Road (Btwn 17-18 Mile Road) Sterling Heights, where Marilyn will lie instate from 10:30am until the time of mass at 11:00am. Interment Resurrection Cemetery Clinton Township, Michigan.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 10. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Rosary

FEB 10. 5:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
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Utica, MI 48317  
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## Instate At Church

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FEB 12. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Michael Catholic Church  
40501 Hayes Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48313

## Funeral Mass

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FEB 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Linda Bartkowiak purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Marilyn Kramer.* ”



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**Linda Bartkowiak** - February 10, 2024 at 11:42 AM

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“ *Valerie Clark and Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Marilyn Kramer.* ”



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**Valerie Clark and Family** - February 09, 2024 at 07:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marilyn Kramer.* ”



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February 08, 2024 at 05:35 PM

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“Marilyn became my Mom in 1982 when I married her beautiful daughter, Gail. Since that day she has treated me as a son and not as a son in law. And to be honest, I considered her more my Mom than my biological Mother.

She was a GREAT cook. Being of Polish decent, there never was a small meal served by her. It was always at least a 4 course meal. My favorite was her City Chicken. Memories of her Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners at the Kramer house will be with me forever. She was very strong in her faith. She would go on retreats and she always attributed her good health into her later years to her faith and praying to The Holy Spirit. She was very independent and adventurous, traveling in her later years. Up until a couple years ago, she got around walking without the use of a cane. We would walk outside and she would impress me. She said her Mother always told them when it came to their legs, if you don't use them....you lose them. She was right. She drove till she was 87 years old. She loved animals. She had a little sassy side to her also. I would frequently stop and visit her on the way home from work to check on her as she got older. After she moved into the Senior Living Center I would still stop and visit her. On more than one occasion I would have dinner with her, since that would be the time I showed up after work. An example of her sassy side is pretty funny actually. Now, I realize that I was probably the only male there under the age of 80 so all the Cougars had an eye for me and would say hello to me. Some wanted to talk a little. Mom would get mad and say, "He's my visitor or he's my son in law and he's here to visit and talk to me!

Why don't you get your own visitors or have your own son in law come visit? He's mine, leave him alone!" She even told her older sister who lived at the home also, the same thing. Yes she had a sassy side. But we loved her. I will miss her and I'm grateful that she was my Mom and treated me as her son for the last 42 years. I'll miss you Mom. Love you ❤️

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Ed Laughhunn - February 08, 2024 at 12:39 AM