



Marlene Niemi Dawkins

February 11, 1935 - April 14, 2026

Marlene Niemi Dawkins, of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, passed away on April 14, 2026 at the age of 91. Marlene was born on February 11, 1935, in Calumet, Michigan to William and Eleanor Niemi. On September 3, 1954, Marlene married the love of her life, Dale Ernest Dawkins, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Marlene worked as a Registered Nurse at William Beaumont Hospital for many years, and she especially liked working in the newborn unit. She also worked as an instructor at Oakland Community College teaching medical terminology. Marlene was a charter member of Prince of Glory Lutheran Church (now Spirit of Christ).

Marlene enjoyed spending time outdoors; whether that was observing wildlife, boating, skiing (both downhill and cross-country), playing tennis, and gardening. She also enjoyed traveling, knitting, genealogy, and watching University of Michigan sports and Detroit Tigers baseball. Most of all, she treasured the time spent with her family and friends. She will be dearly missed.

Marlene is the cherished wife of Dale (who preceded her in death on February 1, 2024); the loving mother of David (Karen), Mark (Lorraine), Scott (Deborah), and Jeffrey; the adored grandmother of Kristin (Thomas), Daniel (Melissa), Eric, Mitchell (Erin), Kevin (Maren), and Brian (Zachary); and the beloved great-grandmother of Emelia, Dawson, Emmit, Evelyn, Bridget, Henry, and

Marlowe.

Marlene's services will be held on Friday, May 1, 2026, visitation from 10:00 a.m. until the time of her funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Road, Royal Oak, Michigan. Interment at Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak. Please share a story or leave a tribute at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com. SISU

Cemetery Details

Oakview Cemetery

1032 N. Main Street
(south of 12 Mile Road)
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ We have many fond memories of aunt Marlene thru the years. Her love for family was priceless. We had many great talks when we would have lunches together. Rest in peace!

Deborah Best-Uelsmann - May 01 at 08:56 AM

GI

“ Growing up, Aunt Marlene's nursing graduation photo was on our fireplace mantel. We always took our family photos there so she was always in them with us. I grew up always wanting to be a nurse like Aunt Marlene. Mom always encouraged me to follow that dream. I did and always credited Aunt Marlene for that decision. I told her so, and she said she knew that. She was always so pleasant to talk to and I love all her nature photos she posted. She will be really missed.

Ginny - April 30 at 07:20 PM

KM

“ Aunt Marlene touched so many lives and will never be forgotten. She will be deeply missed. Wishing you all peace and comfort as you remember a life so beautifully lived. Love, Kathy McNeilly

Kathy McNeilly - April 29 at 09:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marlene Niemi Dawkins.



April 29 at 09:42 PM

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“ *Phyllis, Jane, Laura, Jinie, Ron & Rod purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marlene Niemi Dawkins.*



Phyllis, Jane, Laura, Jinie, Ron & Rod - April 28 at 09:37 AM

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“ *Phyllis, Jane, Laura, Jinie, Ron & Rod planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marlene Niemi Dawkins.*

Phyllis, Jane, Laura, Jinie, Ron & Rod - April 28 at 09:37 AM