



MaryAnn P. Michalek

March 17, 1951 - September 21, 2015

Michalek, MaryAnn Patricia, age 64, of Troy, passed away September 21, 2015. Eldest child of the late Bill and Lilah Drapinski, she was born March 17, 1951 in Dearborn. MaryAnn was a lifelong Tigers fan, confection enthusiast, ally of the underprivileged, and friend of every flower. She graduated from Madonna University in 1973 with a Bachelor's in History and loved to read all kinds of nonfiction, from Dave Barry to National Geographic. One of her special skills was staring down particularly tough opponents: at 33 she learned to walk and talk again after an extended coma following a closed head injury, and at 54, she was diagnosed with an aggressive lymphoma, with which she battled for over ten years, and which her spark and tenacity outlived. She was fiercely devoted to those she loved, and she was fiercely determined to live her way. She was the loving mother of Jeremy (Molly Bain) Michalek and Meghan Plovie, delighted grandmother of Olivia and Avin Plovie, and dear sister of Dave (Karen) Drapinski, Betty (the late Dave Stichler) Drapinski, Jim Drapinski, John (Gail) Drapinski, Paul (Pam) Drapinski, and sister-in-law Susan Bennett. Her similarly grit-gifted and beloved brother, Donald, precedes her in death. Visitation Friday 3-8 p.m. and service Saturday 1 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak. Burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. Flowers or memorials to National Geographic Society and Lymphoma Research Foundation are appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Hedwig Cemetery

23755 Military Road
Ford Road, E. of Telegraph
Dearborn Heights, MI 48127

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
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Sharing of Memories

SEP **25**. 6:30 PM (ET)

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Funeral Services

SEP **26**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

ML

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort embrace you with peace and hope now and in the days to come. Rev 21:4

Ms Laverne - September 28, 2015 at 05:40 PM

BM

“ Praying for you all at this difficult time. "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." 1 Peter 5:7

Ben Michalek - September 26, 2015 at 09:04 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of MaryAnn P. Michalek.



September 26, 2015 at 08:27 AM

SU

“ Suzanne lit a candle in memory of MaryAnn P. Michalek



Suzanne - September 26, 2015 at 07:14 AM

SU

“ Dear Jeremy, Meghan and Family: Deepest condolences to you all in the loss of your loving and strong Mother, MaryAnn. May cherished memories bring you moments of comfort. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely, the Yesta and Niemyer Families: Tom, Suzanne, Tom II, Noel, Jeff, Zachary and Madalyn

Suzanne - September 26, 2015 at 07:12 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of MaryAnn P. Michalek.



September 25, 2015 at 12:32 PM

WA

“ To the family of MaryAnn Michalek : Please accept my sincere sympathy for the loss of your loved one. While we don't know one another, experiencing the devastation of losing a loved one is something we all face in our lives. The Bible promises a time when "death will be no more" (Rev 21:3.4) and assures us that God hears our prayers (Ps 55:22). I hope this brings you some peace during this difficult time.

Wanda - September 25, 2015 at 05:52 AM



“ Fruits and Blooms Basket was purchased for the family of MaryAnn P. Michalek.



September 24, 2015 at 06:13 PM

CK

“ *Christen Salach & family..... Gary, Cathi & Keith purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of MaryAnn P. Michalek.*



Christen Salach & family..... Gary, Cathi & Keith - September 24, 2015 at 05:42 PM

DT

“ *Deborah T. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of MaryAnn P. Michalek.*



Deborah T. - September 24, 2015 at 12:32 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of MaryAnn P. Michalek.*



September 24, 2015 at 09:49 AM



“ *Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of MaryAnn P. Michalek.*



September 23, 2015 at 06:48 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of MaryAnn P. Michalek.*



September 23, 2015 at 04:53 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of MaryAnn P. Michalek.*



September 23, 2015 at 04:26 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of MaryAnn P. Michalek.*



September 23, 2015 at 10:39 AM