



## Dr. Molly Drlik

April 7, 1992 - June 19, 2024

Molly Ann Drlik, MD passed away unexpectedly from natural causes on June 19th, 2024. She passed away doing what she did best, taking care of others, at the Detroit Medical Center (DMC) in Detroit, Michigan.

Molly was born on April 7th, 1992 in Albuquerque, New Mexico to loving new parents Jan and Laura Drlik. After her first year of life, the Drliks relocated to Midland, Michigan where Molly was raised along with her younger sisters, Sara and Olivia. As a young child, Molly always had a big imagination and began dancing and singing as soon as she could walk and talk. She, her sisters, and her cousins loved to play dress-up and perform for family and friends. She developed an aptitude for music and the arts, performing for audiences big and small throughout her childhood. She enjoyed taking dance, singing, and piano lessons and performing in musicals.

The Drliks frequently spent summers vacationing up north by Lake Charlevoix or taking road trips out west to Aspen, Colorado. Molly first learned to ski at age three and found a love for snowboarding in middle school. She even spent several years as an instructor at Nub's Nob in northern Michigan and taught dance to young children in Midland.

At Dow High School, Molly excelled academically in advanced courses, where her passion for science truly came alive in AP Biology. She was also a

member of the marching band and performed in many musicals; some of her favorites included Singin' in the Rain and Beauty and the Beast. After high school, Molly attended her dream school, the University of Michigan, where she studied neuroscience. In addition, Molly was in the Michigan Marching Band (MMB) as the third generation, where she played trombone and was eventually named rank leader. She dressed for every Michigan home game during her undergraduate career. Molly was a "bando" through and through, becoming a pillar in the MMB community. She was a devoted member of the Kappa Kappa Psi music fraternity and played in both the Michigan basketball and hockey bands.

Post undergrad, Molly focused on applying to medical school. It had been her lifelong dream to become a doctor. While applying to medical schools, Molly worked in the gynecological clinic at the University of Michigan and volunteered at a women's shelter. She also worked as an EPIC trainer and later as a certified nursing assistant (CNA) at the Bone Marrow Transplant unit, where she met a nurse who would become her future fiancé, Jordan Gonzalez.

Molly was accepted into the Ross University School of Medicine in 2015. She completed her didactics there, and then performed all of her clinicals stateside. In 2020, she completed a preliminary surgery year at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF). While there, Molly and Jordan loved exploring the natural beauty of California. In 2021, she was accepted into the DMC Anesthesia Residency Program. Molly was overjoyed to return to her beloved home state of Michigan and live closer to her family. She loved the challenges that anesthesia provided and was constantly learning how to be a better practitioner.

On the day of her passing, Molly matched into a Cardiothoracic Anesthesia Fellowship at the University of Maryland which was set to begin in July 2025.

Molly made a profound impact on her fellow doctors at DMC and will be fondly remembered by all she worked with. She was the first to help if anyone needed it, even if it was just bringing joy and optimism with her infectious laugh. She was looking forward to her Cardiac fellowship and getting married in the fall near her parents' home on Duck Lake.

Despite being a busy resident, Molly continued to prioritize traveling often. She loved seeing new places and especially loved snow and snowboarding. Some of her favorite hobbies included hiking, being outside, listening to audiobooks, and spending time with her dog Taco. She enjoyed visiting National Parks around the Country, and loved being on the water at Duck Lake.

Molly is survived by her loving fiancé, Jordan Gonzalez, her parents Jan and Laura Drlik, her sisters Sara and Olivia and their partners, Sam Shabrang and Ola Amokomowo, and many others who considered Molly a big sister. Molly will be missed by many caring family members and friends around the world.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, June 29th, from 10 a.m. until time of service, 11 a.m., at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. Royal Oak. To honor Molly, Feel Free to wear Bright Colors if you feel Comfortable.

The funeral service will also be livestreamed, accessible at <https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTcxOTI3MDExMzMxNTU4MyZvbmVyb29tLWFkbWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Forgotten Harvest.

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

JUN **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
royal@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Funeral Service

JUN **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Dr. Molly Drik*



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**Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors** - June 24, 2024 at 03:03 PM

SG

*I was one of Molly's preschool teachers at Midland Montessori School. I'm so very sorry to hear of her passing. She was so sweet and lively and very bright. A real joy in the classroom and it sounds like she was a treasure as an adult also. I have no words of comfort but I will pray for peace and comfort for all you who knew and loved Molly.*

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**Sharon Gallihugh** - June 26, 2024 at 07:59 PM

MI

“ *I was shocked and saddened to hear of the loss of Molly. When I think of Molly, it is from back in those Woodcrest days and I see her beaming smile. I especially remember a time when she was on Henry's Battle of the Books team in 5th grade and we were meeting in the mall food court for the wrap-up party after our elimination loss. We were all a bit sad that we didn't win, but not Molly. I clearly remember her looking at me and announcing SHE was not disappointed. She pointed out how far the team went in the competition and how much fun she had. Her incredibly positive outlook, even at age 10, stuck with me all these years. What a special girl she was. We send our deepest sympathy. Michelle and Brantley Lather*

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**Michelle** - July 02, 2024 at 11:03 AM

CM

“ Chris Macca purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Dr. Molly Drlik.



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**Chris Macca** - June 29, 2024 at 08:28 AM

DG

“ Deepak G. planted a grove of 50 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Molly Drlik.

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**Deepak G.** - June 29, 2024 at 03:59 AM

MR

“ I first met Molly at Dow High when I was a freshman coming into marching band that summer. As one of our senior section leaders, she had to teach us the in's and outs of band camp. Molly was so incredibly warm, friendly, and inviting. She made band so fun and easy to understand and made us all feel included even as freshman. All the trombone players made that first year so fun but I think that friendly and connective energy really came from Molly because once she graduated it wasn't the same. She was kind enough to invite pretty much everyone in band to her graduation party and all I remember is having a blast and the food being delicious! Molly was a really special person and an exceptional teacher and leader to her peers in highschool, and I can only imagine that those qualities got stronger in the time since I knew her. I am so shaken by her loss and feel like the special light Molly brought to this world is now missing. My deepest condolences to her family and friends, and my utmost gratitude to her for so positively impacting my life and my transition into highschool.



— Molly Rossman

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Molly Rossman - June 29, 2024 at 12:52 AM



“ Delightful Decadence Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Molly Drlik.



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June 28, 2024 at 06:23 PM

ST

“ Shon and Gordon Thompson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Molly Drlik.

Shon and Gordon Thompson - June 28, 2024 at 06:23 PM

BO

“ Brenton O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Molly Drlik.

Brenton O. - June 28, 2024 at 04:46 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Dr. Molly Drlik.



June 28, 2024 at 02:38 PM

KH

“ Kristie H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Molly Drlik.

Kristie H. - June 28, 2024 at 12:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Molly Drlik.



June 28, 2024 at 09:44 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Molly Drlik.



June 28, 2024 at 08:54 AM



“ The Berger Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Molly Drlik.

The Berger Family - June 28, 2024 at 08:54 AM



“ Emily Spilman and Rachel Roberts purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Dr. Molly Drlik.



Emily Spilman and Rachel Roberts - June 27, 2024 at 07:27 PM



“ Sharon K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Molly Drlik.

Sharon K. - June 27, 2024 at 05:14 PM

TF

“ *The Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dr. Molly Drlik.*



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**The Family** - June 27, 2024 at 01:03 PM

LM

“ *Love, Greg & Gail Marcoe purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Molly Drlik.*



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**Love, Greg & Gail Marcoe** - June 27, 2024 at 10:36 AM

CA

“ *CHM Pediatric Anesthesia purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Dr. Molly Drlik.*



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**CHM Pediatric Anesthesia** - June 27, 2024 at 07:31 AM

JA

“ *Jan and Laura, I am heartbroken to hear of Molly's death and will keep you and your family in my thoughts. Jennifer Aloff.*

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**Jennifer Aloff** - June 26, 2024 at 06:52 PM

MP

“ *Melissa Pirkola purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Molly Drlik.*



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**Melissa Pirkola** - June 26, 2024 at 06:16 PM

PO

“ *Jan and family, so sorry for the loss of Molly, may the Lord provide healing and comfort. We're told in James 4:14 KJV that life is but a vapor, but by storing up treasures of Heaven, Matt 6:19-21 KJV, we know that eternity is forever. On behalf of the Ohio Drlik's.*

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**Patrick Drlik, Mansfield, Ohio** - June 26, 2024 at 12:30 PM

PO

*That would be Patrick Drlik, Mansfield, Ohio*

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**Patrick Drlik, Mansfield, Ohio** - June 26, 2024 at 12:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Molly Drlik.*



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June 26, 2024 at 11:07 AM

LF

“ Love, Bill and Cynthia Schuette & family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dr. Molly Drlik.



Love, Bill and Cynthia Schuette & family - June 26, 2024 at 10:24 AM

RB

“ Ross Band purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dr. Molly Drlik.



Ross Band - June 26, 2024 at 10:19 AM

RB

“ Ross Band planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Molly Drlik.

Ross Band - June 26, 2024 at 10:19 AM

KH

“ Kiara, Tellie, Sri Kumar, Elaine Hunyadi purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Dr. Molly Drlik.



Kiara, Tellie, Sri Kumar, Elaine Hunyadi - June 26, 2024 at 12:23 AM

ZK

“ Zehra and Kamran purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Molly Drlik.



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**Zehra and Kamran** - June 25, 2024 at 06:20 PM

BB

“ Blake B. planted a </store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518>>Memorial Tree</a> in honor of Dr. Molly Drlik.

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**Blake B.** - June 25, 2024 at 03:01 PM

KO

“ Kofi O. planted a </store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518>>Memorial Tree</a> in honor of Dr. Molly Drlik.

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**Kofi O.** - June 25, 2024 at 02:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Molly Drlik.



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June 25, 2024 at 11:36 AM

AM

“ Angie, Julian, Mark, Marc and Mike planted a </store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518>>Memorial Tree</a> in honor of Dr. Molly Drlik.

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**Angie, Julian, Mark, Marc and Mike** - June 25, 2024 at 11:36 AM

YF

“ Your Infusion Center Family purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Dr. Molly Drlík.



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**Your Infusion Center Family** - June 25, 2024 at 11:02 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dr. Molly Drlík.



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June 25, 2024 at 10:24 AM

JC

“ Jim and Linda Chalát planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Molly Drlík.

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**Jim and Linda Chalát** - June 25, 2024 at 10:24 AM

DM

“ Dr Whitney Minard purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dr. Molly Drlík.



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**Dr Whitney Minard** - June 25, 2024 at 09:49 AM

DR

“ DMC Anesthesiology Residents planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Molly Drlik.

DMC Anesthesiology Residents - June 25, 2024 at 06:32 AM



“ Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Molly Drlik.



June 25, 2024 at 06:32 AM

CO

“ Catherine O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Molly Drlik.

Catherine O. - June 24, 2024 at 06:49 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Molly Drlik.



June 24, 2024 at 10:55 AM

FF

“ From the Ma family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Dr. Molly Driik.



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**From the Ma family** - June 24, 2024 at 10:25 AM

KL

“ Jan, Laura, Sarah, Olivia, Jordon and family,

*There are no words to express the loss of Molly. My first memory of Molly is when you moved into your home on Walden Woods Ct. Jan and Molly (1 year old) were taking a walk while the movers were getting things settled. Molly had the brightest smile and was excited about life around her. Molly's personality continued to blossom along with her creativity. .*

*We have soooooo many special memories of Molly throughout the years as our kids grew up together. We treasure those times and will keep her memory alive.*

*My heart aches for each and every one of you. Hold each other tight, keep her memories alive and move forward in this life just like Molly would have wanted you to.*

*Love,*

*Kathy, Erin, Kristin and Chris Little*

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**Kathy A Little** - June 24, 2024 at 10:00 AM

HH

“ Molly was a fast friend. We worked together in the Harper SICU and she made my time there enjoyable. Her laugh was truly infectious, I so enjoyed joking around with her during our long ICU rounds.

She helped me finish my requirements for graduation by introducing me to staff at other hospitals and encouraging me to go and try new things, for that I am so grateful.

She was kind and generous with her time. She was quick to lend help, she answered my random calls and questions with kindness and grace.

She will be missed so deeply.

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Hollis H - June 24, 2024 at 08:17 AM

HC

“ Harper CRNAs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Molly Drlik.

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Harper CRNAs - June 24, 2024 at 08:16 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Molly Drlik.



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June 24, 2024 at 08:16 AM

MB

“ Makayla Kramer and Brandon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Molly Drlik.

Makayla Kramer and Brandon - June 23, 2024 at 11:24 AM

MB

“ Makayla Kramer and Brandon purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Dr. Molly Drlik.



Makayla Kramer and Brandon - June 23, 2024 at 11:24 AM

JG

“ Jan, I'm so sorry for the loss of your daughter. Unimaginable. I pray for your strength to help your entire family at this time and in the future. Jeff Gordon, former RN at MyMichigan ED.

Jeff Gordon - June 23, 2024 at 11:04 AM

MW

“ Drlik family - I am so sorry for your loss. I have such fond memories of babysitting Molly in Midland. I remember how smart she was, even as a young child. I still remember when she explained to me how to pet Mogul "gently" - she was probably only 3 years old at the time, but already so grown-up! My deepest condolences to your family.

Megan (Hayes) Winegardner

Megan Winegardner - June 23, 2024 at 09:24 AM

BR

“ It was known by all that Molly loved musicals. She introduced me to *Wicked* and we saw it together at least twice in various locations, singing all the lyrics to all the songs and probably annoying all those other people around us. We always said that our friendship song was *Wicked's For Good* and used to sing it together. Miss and love you forever, Molly.

*"It well may be  
That we may never meet again  
In this lifetime  
So let me say before we part  
So much of me  
Is made of what I learned from you  
You'll be with me  
Like a handprint on my heart  
And now whatever way our stories  
end, I know you have rewritten mine  
By being my friend"*

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**Brenda** - June 23, 2024 at 09:22 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. Molly Drlik.



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June 22, 2024 at 06:06 PM

MG

“ Minji, Heidi, Chris & Greg planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Molly Drlik.

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**Minji, Heidi, Chris & Greg** - June 22, 2024 at 06:05 PM

MG

“ *Minji, Heidi, Chris & Greg purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dr. Molly Drlik.*



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**Minji, Heidi, Chris & Greg** - June 22, 2024 at 06:05 PM

DP

“ *Dr Drlik, Laura, Jordan and family,  
We were saddened to hear of Molly's passing. I remember her smile from Dow High Band. Praying for all during this difficult time.*

*Al and Donna Preston*

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**Donna Preston** - June 22, 2024 at 03:21 PM

MY

“ *Molly was one of the first friends I made during medical school. She had the best personality. I am in shock of hearing that she is gone... my deepest condolences to her family* ❤️❤️❤️



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**Mysol** - June 22, 2024 at 02:29 AM

AH

*I extend my deepest condolences to all of Molly's family and friends. Her sudden passing is truly our loss. She was a blessing and gift to those who had the privilege of working with her. There was never a moment that she did not step up to help. And, she did it always with a smile. The world has lost a beautifully talented, gifted and humble woman, but heaven gained a true Angel. As a Nurse, it has been an honor to have worked with her. I will miss her smile, kindness and warmth. Peace be with you all at this time.*

**Angela Henry** - June 22, 2024 at 05:38 AM

CR

*Hi Jan and Laura, this is Craig Pickelman owner of Wilson MILLER Funeral Home in Midland. I want to pass along my deepest sympathy to you on the passing of you daughter Molly.*

**Craig** - June 22, 2024 at 09:12 AM

BC

*Jan and Laura. I am so saddened to hear about Molly. My thoughts and prayers are with and your family.*

**Barbara J chapman** - June 22, 2024 at 04:59 PM

KA

*To the Drlik Family..  
So sorry of the loss of your lovely daughter. Looks like you made a lot of memories with her, keep those's in your heart.*

**Kathy** - June 24, 2024 at 09:20 PM

GT

*To The Drlik Family,  
We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your Beautiful daughter Molly. She meet my son in Medical School and they became great friends. We had the pleasure of meeting her and Jordan when they came to visit Brenton in Georgia. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

**Gordon Thompson** - June 28, 2024 at 06:20 PM

SC

*So sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed hearing stories about the girls.  
Thoughts and prayers to you and your family.*

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**Sharon Creed** - June 28, 2024 at 06:25 PM