



Renee Augustitus

December 17, 1971 - May 16, 2026

Renee Lyn Terranova Augustitus, age 54, of Shelby Township, Michigan, passed away on May 16, 2026, after a courageous and hard-fought battle with kidney disease. Born on December 17, 1971, Renee faced life with strength, resilience, faith, and an enormous heart. She is now free from pain and safely in God's loving embrace.

Renee was the beloved wife and soulmate of Michael, her devoted husband of nearly 28 years. The two met years ago at a house party at Renee's apartment, where a connection was formed that would grow into a lifetime of love, laughter, friendship, and unwavering partnership. Married in September 1998, together they built a beautiful life centered around faith, family, and treasured memories.

Above all else, Renee's proudest and greatest joy was being a mother to her three beloved sons, Riley, Reece, and Ryan. Her boys were truly her world, and she poured endless love, care, guidance, and devotion into their lives every single day.

Renee graduated from Warren Cousino High School and later earned her Associate's Degree in Art from Macomb Community College. Her creativity and artistic spirit shined through everything she touched. She loved crafts, painting, sewing, and creating meaningful things for the people she loved. She worked in accounts receivable at Central Transport and was also known affectionately as a caring lunchroom mother at Wiley Elementary while Ryan attended school there. Renee had a nurturing spirit that made others feel

welcomed, comforted, and loved.

A woman of deep Catholic faith, Renee and her family were devoted members of St. Kieran Catholic Church. Even during her illness, when she was unable to attend in person, Renee faithfully watched Mass online from home, finding peace, comfort, and connection through her church community and modern technology that allowed her to continue practicing her faith during difficult times.

Renee also had a wonderfully unique personality and embraced life with humor, individuality, and creativity. She absolutely loved Halloween, spooky music, horror movies, the macabre, and what she affectionately called the "dark side." Those who knew Renee appreciated her fun spirit and her ability to fully embrace the things that brought her joy. She balanced sweetness and kindness with a playful love for all things mysterious and spooky.

Some of Renee's happiest memories were made traveling with her family in their RV on adventures to Florida and magical trips to Walt Disney World. Whether crafting at home, celebrating Halloween, watching scary movies, or simply spending time surrounded by family, Renee found joy in making life meaningful for those she loved.

She is survived by her loving husband Michael; her cherished sons Riley, Reece, and Ryan; her mother Linda; her father Joseph; her brother Joe; and many extended family members and dear friends who will forever carry her memory in their hearts.

Though our hearts are broken by this tremendous loss, we find comfort in knowing Renee is no longer suffering and has been welcomed home by God, family, and friends who went before her. Her love, creativity, strength, kindness, and beautiful spirit will continue to live on through all who were blessed to know and love her.

The family asks for continued prayers, especially for her boys, as they navigate this unimaginable loss and learn to carry forward the love and light Renee gave so freely throughout her life.

"Those we love never truly leave us. They live on in every memory, every

laugh, every tradition, and every heartbeat."

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 21. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317

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MAY 22. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kim and Mary Cooper planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Renee Augustitus.*

Kim and Mary Cooper - Yesterday at 08:07 PM