



Theresa M. Kowalski

December 6, 1932 - May 15, 2026

Kowalski, Theresa M. ("Tess")

Age 93, passed away peacefully on May 15, 2026. Born on December 6, 1932, in Detroit, Tess was the beloved daughter of the late John and Anna Kulik. Loving sister of Francis Ala and the late Lawrence Kulik.

Tess shared 65 wonderful years of marriage with her devoted husband, Kenneth Kowalski, who preceded her in death in 2018. Together, they built a loving family that remained the center of her life.

She was the cherished mother of Danny (Susan) Kowalski, Rozanne (Doug) Darland, James (Charlene) Kowalski, Diane (Brian) Sanders, and Lee Ann Czerniawski. Proud and loving grandmother of Kristin (Craig) Willey, Bryan (Melissa) Kowalski, Lauryn Kowalski, Matthew (Sally) Sanders, Mitchell (Samantha) Sanders, Heather Kowalski, and Sara Czerniawski. She was also a treasured great-grandmother to Chase Willey, Carter Willey, London Kowalski, Kingston Kowalski, Georgia Sanders, Cameron Sanders, Zoe "Theresa" Sanders, and Mac Sanders.

Tess is also survived by her extended family: Leah (Ali) Hanoosh, Erin (Matt) Flaim, and Daniel (Diana) Darland. Affectionately known as "Grandma T," she held a special place in the hearts of Dan, Elene, Jude, Violet, and David.

Tess embraced life with joy, warmth and a deep love for family and friends. She treasured time spent golfing, quilting, baking, and playing cards with her many friends, and especially enjoyed frequent trips up north with her family. Whether competing in family golf tournaments or spending time around the campfire, she made every moment meaningful.

A wonderful baker, Tess was especially known for her delicious apple pies, which became a cherished tradition at family gatherings. Above all, she treasured time with her family, friends, and neighbors, creating lasting memories through her kindness and unwavering care for others.

Her legacy of love, strength, and devotion will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew and loved her.

Visitation will be held Friday from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48067

Funeral Mass Saturday, in state at 10:30 a.m. until the time of Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 28353 Herbert St., Madison Heights, MI 48071

Memorial contributions are appreciated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Please share memories at SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (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/>

Instate

MAY 23. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church
28353 Herbert Street
Madison Heights, MI 48071

Funeral Mass

MAY **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RI

“ Renee & Roger Izzi purchased the Heavenly Sentiments Spray for the family of Theresa M. Kowalski.



Renee & Roger Izzi - May 21 at 10:18 PM

RI

“ Renee & Roger Izzi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theresa M. Kowalski.

Renee & Roger Izzi - May 21 at 10:18 PM

MJ

“ Mark, Laura, Brett, Ashley and James purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Theresa M. Kowalski.



Mark, Laura, Brett, Ashley and James - May 21 at 08:01 PM

MJ

“ Mark, Laura, Brett, Ashley and James planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theresa M. Kowalski.

Mark, Laura, Brett, Ashley and James - May 21 at 08:01 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Theresa M. Kowalski.*



May 21 at 05:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Theresa M. Kowalski.

May 21 at 05:45 PM



“ *Ali Gooch and BDR Leadership Team purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Theresa M. Kowalski.*



Ali Gooch and BDR Leadership Team - May 19 at 04:42 PM



“ *-Sean, Lisa, & the Sutton girls purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Theresa M. Kowalski.*



-Sean, Lisa, & the Sutton girls - May 19 at 01:50 PM

DS

“ Divina Smith purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Theresa M. Kowalski.



Divina Smith - May 19 at 08:20 AM

DS

“ Divina Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theresa M. Kowalski.

Divina Smith - May 19 at 08:20 AM

TD

“ Tim & Kelley Daley purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Theresa M. Kowalski.



Tim & Kelley Daley - May 19 at 07:31 AM

CW

“ What a beautiful woman "Aunt Theresa" was. I took the name Theresa as my confirmation name because of her. She and her brother "Uncle Larry" were so special to me in my early years. They were dear friends to my parents Len and Estelle Daley. Now she will see all of them, including "Uncle Kenny" in heaven. Rest in Peace.

Cyndy Winkler - May 18 at 10:25 PM

LH

“ Louise Howe purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Theresa M. Kowalski.



Louise Howe - May 18 at 09:12 PM

LF

“ Love, The Ala Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Theresa M. Kowalski.



Love, The Ala Family - May 18 at 09:06 PM

LF

“ Love, The Ala Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theresa M. Kowalski.

Love, The Ala Family - May 18 at 09:06 PM

LH

“ She was the best grandma ever. She will be greatly missed. I loved her like my second mom. Always positive and never seemed to age. Always happy to see you with that smile. You will be greatly missed and will have a special place in my heart. Louise

louise howe - May 18 at 09:05 PM

FA

“ Fran Ala purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Theresa M. Kowalski.



Fran Ala - May 18 at 09:02 PM

FA

“ Fran Ala planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theresa M. Kowalski.

Fran Ala - May 18 at 09:02 PM

CM

“ Cam, Zoe, Georgia, Mac purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Theresa M. Kowalski.



Cam, Zoe, Georgia, Mac - May 18 at 06:43 PM

CM

“ Cam, Zoe, Georgia, Mac planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theresa M. Kowalski.

Cam, Zoe, Georgia, Mac - May 18 at 06:43 PM

SM

“ Sam & Mitch purchased the *Touching Tribute Spray* for the family of Theresa M. Kowalski.



Sam & Mitch - May 18 at 05:12 PM

SM

“ Sam & Mitch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theresa M. Kowalski.

Sam & Mitch - May 18 at 05:12 PM

WP

“ Wayne P. purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Theresa M. Kowalski.



Wayne P. - May 18 at 04:58 PM