



## Veronica Morrison

August 30, 1934 - March 5, 2023

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Veronica was born on August 30, 1934, at the height of the Great Depression. She always said this circumstance made her thrifty for life, as anyone who's ever seen her prodigious stash of coupons will attest. Yet she was also well known for her generosity, contributing to charities from St. Jude's Hospital to American Veterans with Disabilities, as well as being present for any friend in need whenever the need arose. She had a special gift for friendship, keeping many beloved friends from earliest childhood until the end of her life. Until recently, she made an annual pilgrimage to the reunion of her class at St. Benedict's Catholic School, always a highlight of her year.

She was Bonnie to her lifelong friends (Gert and Gwen, Louise and Pat, so many others), who would send her teasing notes in their wondrous youth playing lovingly on her nickname: "My Bonnie lies over the ocean, oh bring back my Bonnie to me!" – memories she cherished forever.

Bonnie began work at Michigan Bell in downtown Royal Oak before leaving this position in 1958 to start her family with her former husband Jim III – daughter Patricia born that year, son James IV two years later, and daughter Jenny in 1971. As her children grew, she resumed a career as an office

manager for the furniture department at J. L. Hudson Company through the 1970s, then supporting herself for decades as a sales associate at J. C. Penney until her retirement in 2004. In retirement, she was an avid card player – savvy at euchre, even better at pinochle – and a “Murder, She Wrote” fan-girl, a seasoned Tigers and Red Wings enthusiast, a lifelong member of the Catholic faith, an honorary Canadian via the wonderful Bennetts (our grandma’s side of the family), a proud Irish Citizen of the World, a devotee of country/western music (despite her son’s ill-tempered objections, which always made her laugh), a loving friend to her sons-in-law Phil and Tom, one of the last remaining consumers who knew for certain that the customer is indeed always right, an eloquent critic of the digital age, a brave survivor of breast cancer, a fiercely, admirably independent woman.

Above all, in these years, she was a dedicated grandmother, doing all she could to support her three remarkable, adored granddaughters, Brianna, Cassandra, and Madeline, and her inimitable, treasured grandson Cameron.

The last born of the Dolans – Margaret and Edward – Bonnie was also the last surviving member of the family, shepherding her parents and siblings John, Catherine, Margaret, and Edward to their own ends over many years with uncommon grace and unstinting love.

A life well lived, we must say, Our Dear Bonnie!

Veronica Mary Dolan Morrison – Rest well, Loved One,  
The Arduous, Beautiful Journey Done

Memorial gathering will take place on Monday, March 13th, from 4 - 8 p.m. (Rosary 6 p.m.) at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak. Funeral Mass will take place Tuesday, March 14th at 10 a.m. (9:30 a.m. gathering) at St. Mary, Our Lady Queen of

Families (St. Clement site), 25320 Van Dyke, Center Line.

The family has requested memorial donations in Bonnie's name be made to the American Cancer Society at <https://donate.cancer.org>.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

MAR 13. 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/>

## Rosary

MAR 13. 6:00 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  
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## Memorial Mass

MAR 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

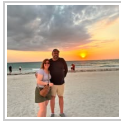
St. Mary, Our Lady Queen of Families ~ St. Clement Site  
25252 Van Dyke Avenue  
Center Line, MI 48015

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ *Patty, Jimmy and Jenny, I'm so sorry for your loss. I have such terrific memories of our Moms laughing together so many stories of Doc's IT club. My mom had me cal your Mom in early January - they had a nice final chat. The joke in our family was that a phone call between Mom and Bonnie was always a long one! Wishing you an abundance of memories. Jean (Fabiano) Gardziola*

jean gardziola - March 19, 2023 at 09:21 PM



*Thank you for the memories, Jean. Your mom was a good friend to mine—for basically their whole lives. Mom was heartbroken to lose her best friend. I'm envisioning them having more good times together, free of pain, in Heaven.*

Jennifer Kreft - March 30, 2023 at 05:34 PM

TK

“ *Patti, Jimmy and Jenny,*

*I was so sad to hear of your moms passing. I have such a flood of memories from our childhood-we always had so much fun over your house. My mom wasn't able to make the funeral but we have been talking about her days with your mom and what a good friend she was to her. She enjoyed her fun nature as my mom tends to be quite reserved. She has fun memories of your mom and I remember her as always being super loving toward all of us kids. I'm thinking of all of you during this hard time.*

Tina Kress - March 18, 2023 at 08:05 AM



*Thank you for sharing your thoughts Tina!*

Patricia Malone - March 18, 2023 at 07:26 PM

MF

“ *Marilyn Flaska and Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Veronica Morrison.*



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**Marilyn Flaska and Family** - March 10, 2023 at 09:05 PM

FG

“ *From the Dickinson, Galaitsis, and Games purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Veronica Morrison.*



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**From the Dickinson, Galaitsis, and Games** - March 09, 2023 at 10:11 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Veronica Morrison.*



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March 09, 2023 at 08:03 PM

PK

“ Jenny, Jimmy and Patti,  
My family is so sad to hear of your Mom's death and have such wonderful memories of times way back when my kids were little and all the precious Christmas Ornaments she gave us (which we still hang on our tree every year and tell our Grand-kids how excited their Mom and Uncle were to get a new one every Christmas), Ben and Andrea remember swimming in your pool in the back yard in the Summer and riding their bikes with Jenny and Danika. So sad for you all, but she is in the Lord's arms now and I know she is smiling that sweet smile looking down on all of you right now! Be comforted in knowing she is finally Home!  
Much love, Pam Klassen and Family

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**Pam Klassen** - March 09, 2023 at 05:09 PM



*Thanks so much for this, Pam!*

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**James Morrison** - March 11, 2023 at 04:46 PM



*Thank you for sharing these lovely memories Pam!*

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**Patricia Malone** - March 12, 2023 at 03:25 PM

CF

“ My heartfelt condolences to my American family. Although I never did get to meet Bonnie in person, a big regret, I will remember her always for warmth, kindness and love for her family. Bonnie was a wonderful person and your tribute to her attests to that. May you cherish your memories of that very fine and wonderful woman. I am sure that I will feel her spirit when I get out to the Ragged Chutes and Bennett Road next time. Take good care of each other as I'm sure you will. Love, Cindy Foran

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**Cindy foran** - March 09, 2023 at 03:29 PM



*She cherished your side of the family, Cindy - thank you!*

**James Morrison** - March 11, 2023 at 04:47 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Veronica Morrison.*



March 09, 2023 at 01:10 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Veronica Morrison.*



March 08, 2023 at 03:29 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Veronica Morrison.*



March 08, 2023 at 01:59 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Veronica Morrison.*



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March 08, 2023 at 12:37 PM