



## Virginia M. Backus

April 22, 1925 - April 3, 2022

Virginia M. Backus, of Sterling Heights, passed away at her residence on April 3, 2022 at the age of 96. She was born on April 22, 1925 to Nesralla and Bedelia Solomon in Detroit, Michigan. on August 10, 1946, Virginia married the love of her life, Joseph Backus, in Detroit, Michigan. Together they shared 40 years of marriage, until his passing in 1987. Virginia is the cherished mother of Catherine (Lary) Gregory, Madeline (Dino) Ranella, Carol (Henry) Kolbuch, Joseph (Christine) Backus, and Margaret (Mike) Centers; the loving grandmother of Larry Gregory, Lisa (Aaron) Tischbein, Henry (Tonya) Kolbuch, Benjamin Gregory, Dennis Young, Sheila (Kevin) Burke, John Gregory, Deanna (Jeffrey) Parol, Joseph (Cher) Young, Sherry (Bryan) Mazurkiewicz, Sabrina (John) Lucaj, Marie (Clint) Peacock, Marcia (Jeremy) Walters, Dino (Danielle) Ranella, Joseph (Ashley) Backus, Michelle (Rob) Safina, and Michael (Mandi) Centers; and the adored great-grandmother of Caitlin, Ben, Logan, Cassidy, Alyssa, Ryan, Ellie, Brendan, Leeann, Evan, Hannah, Heather, Talon, Frun, Deda, Katrina, Alexander, Trevor, Haley, Kendall, Janell, Rylee, Payten, Carter, Kailyn, Jaidyn, Colton, Camden, Joseph, and Gavin; the dear grandmother to fifteen great-great-grandchildren; and the beloved sister of Marie Harkenrider and Backus Solomon. Virginia is preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, her daughter Bedelia, her son-in-law Dennis, her grandson Timothy, and her siblings Margaret Saad, Elizabeth Pierce, Agnes Judd, and Joseph Solomon.

Virginia's family will receive friends for visitation on Sunday, April 10, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. with a rosary service at 6:00 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica. A funeral mass will be held on Monday, April 11 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 44633 Utica Road, Utica, instate beginning at 9:30 a.m. until the time of her mass at 10:00 a.m. Memorials are appreciated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or at [www.stjude.org/tribute](http://www.stjude.org/tribute). Please share a memory at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Christian Memorial Gardens West

521 E. Hamlin Road  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 10. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Instate

APR 11. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church-

## Funeral Mass

APR 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JC

“ Know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jerry and Judy Covatch - April 10, 2022 at 09:43 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Virginia M. Backus.



April 09, 2022 at 06:07 PM

GP

“ Madeline, Dino and Family: We want to send you our condolences in regards to the passing of yur Mom. Knowing her around the wash, she was a very caring and respected lady. Never heard anyone saying anything derogatory about her, must be why she had a very loving Family. Gus and Beverly Pasko

Gus and Beverly Pasko - April 09, 2022 at 12:37 PM



“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia M. Backus.



April 09, 2022 at 09:58 AM



“ Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Virginia M. Backus.



April 08, 2022 at 06:06 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia M. Backus.*



April 07, 2022 at 07:42 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia M. Backus.*



April 07, 2022 at 06:28 PM

JA

“ *Louie, we are so sorry to hear of Virgie's passing, it's amazing that you and i were just talking about her at a FOP meeting. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Grace and your family. Jim & Betty Aleck*

Jim Aleck - April 07, 2022 at 11:26 AM

JA

“ *Madeline, we are so sorry to hear of your mom's passing, our thoughts and prayers are with you, Dino and your family. Jim & Betty Aleck*

Jim Aleck - April 07, 2022 at 11:20 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia M. Backus.*



April 05, 2022 at 01:27 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia M. Backus.*



April 05, 2022 at 10:32 AM

LR

“ *Laura Rojas purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Virginia M. Backus.*



Laura Rojas - April 05, 2022 at 09:14 AM

RF

“ *Dearest Aunt Virginia will be missed! She is the most gracious, faithful woman I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. Always positive, in a good mood, and so much fun to giggle with! She is with my mom- and so many others - reminiscing now. May God Bless her soul.*



Rosemary Kautz & Family - April 04, 2022 at 08:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Virginia M. Backus.*



April 04, 2022 at 08:18 PM

TM

“ *When ever I saw her, she knew how much I missed my mom and how much she reminded me of her. She would always pull me close to her and hug me, just like my mom always did. My mom lives far away from me and knew that. She was always so loving and gentle. I will miss her and her beautiful smile!! She was truly an Angel on this earth.*

Tina Mayer-Fortuna - April 04, 2022 at 07:54 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia M. Backus.*



April 04, 2022 at 07:51 PM