



Wanda Roback

September 2, 1931 - February 14, 2023

Wanda Theresa Roback, a longtime resident of Ferndale, passed away on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at the age of 91. She was born on September 2, 1931 in Naples, Alberta. Wanda exchanged vows with Alex Roback on July 14, 1951. Prior to retiring, she worked as an administrative assistant for Hazel Park Public Schools.

Strong in her faith, Wanda was a longtime member of St. Mary Magdalen Parish. Wanda read the Detroit News regularly and enjoyed solving the paper's crossword puzzle. Friends and family remember her as one of the kindest people you could meet. She never had a bad thing to say and felt blessed by the people around her.

She always said she did not want to be a burden to anyone, and she never was. Family was everything, and we are all thankful for the love she gave us.

Beloved wife of the late Alex. Loving mother of David (Sue), the late Douglas (Susie), and Diane Olenyn. Cherished grandmother of Christina, Kevin, Megan, Kimberly, Melissa, Michael, and Michelle. Treasured great-grandmother of Emerson, Avelyn, Marlowe, Addison, and William. Dear sister of the late Charles Grayce and the late Stella Kreski.

A visitation for Wanda will take place on Sunday, February 19, from 2:00 to

8:00 pm at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (4 blks. E. of Woodward), Royal Oak, 48067. Wanda will lie in state on Monday, February 20, from 9:30 am until time of funeral Mass at 10:00 am at St. Mary Magdalen Parish, 50 E. Annabelle Ave., Hazel Park, 48030. Interment at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **19**. 2:00 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/>

In State at Church

FEB **20**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
50 E. Annabelle
Hazel Park, MI 48030

Funeral Mass

FEB **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
50 E. Annabelle
Hazel Park, MI 48030

Tribute Wall



“ Wanda always greeted you with a smile and a positive attitude. She was always there for the Hazel Park School District Central office team, she will truly be missed. Prayers and condolences to her family.

Gary Tweddle

Gary. Tweddle - February 18, 2023 at 01:08 PM



“ Aunt Wanda was truly an amazing woman. I did not see her often but when I did she was always so joyful. She never missed sending cards with the best wishes for me and my family. I think she kept Hallmark in business. Her messages and petite perfect handwriting will be missed. I was so blessed to be able to speak with her on the phone during Thanksgiving and get caught up with what was going on. You will and always be a treasure to me and my family.

Brad Roback - February 17, 2023 at 01:19 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Wanda Roback.



February 17, 2023 at 09:03 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wanda Roback.*



February 16, 2023 at 05:39 PM



“ *Wanda was truly one of the kindest people I have ever met. We worked together at Hazel Park Schools for many years. She never forgot a birthday and always asked about our family. As my children grew up and worked in various jobs for Hazel Park Schools, you could always count on Wanda to check in with them. I will miss meeting for our luncheons with her and the Hazel Park Staff. The world was a better place because of Wanda. She will be greatly missed. Glenda Guthrie and the Guthrie family.*

Glenda Guthrie - February 16, 2023 at 12:43 PM



“ *Aunt Wanda was a lovely lady that always had a smile and a wonderful and kind personality. She always sent a wonderful hand written card for everybody's birthday. She was just a sweet person and a joy to be around. She will truly be missed.*

Brian Roback - February 16, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ *Wanda was an absolute treasure. She was always kind and helpful. Her smile lit the room. She was quietly efficient and a precious support to me. She was admired by so many of the Hazel Park Schools team. Prayers and condolences to her family.*
Kathy Golinski

Kathy Golinski - February 16, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wanda Roback.*



February 16, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *I am truly going to miss this lady. She has touch my heart and now it is hurting. I am just so thankful for all the wonderful time we had together. Talking, having her over to our house for dinner, taking out for a bit to eat, Cleaning, taking her to appointment, ect. ect. So many memories to look back on. This weekend we were going to visit her. I just wish I had one more hug and kiss and one more I love you! She was like the grandma I never had. She was such a wonderful good hearted person. I shall miss you.*



Brenda Young - February 15, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Wanda was an excellent administrative assistant to the superintendents of the Hazel Park School District. Always pleasant and professional. Well respected by parents and employees.*

Donald Badaczewski - February 15, 2023 at 09:47 PM

FN

“ Wanda was a wonderful and classy lady. While secretary to the principal at Webb Junior High School she was a rock of stability for the front office. I have nothing but the greatest respect for her. The world is a lessor place without her in it. Fred Nix

Fred Nix - February 15, 2023 at 07:57 PM

RW

“ I'm ever so grateful to have been "one of her teachers". She was a professional, a gift, a bright light, a beautiful human who went out of her way to make a newbie feel welcomed. Roberta Friedman Wolf

Roberta Wolf - February 15, 2023 at 07:12 PM

JG

“ Wanda was a beautiful lady,whose loyalty and faithfulness was unparalleled.Wanda and I worked together in the Hazel Park Schools for 15+ years.Her professionalism and dedication, were things I always appreciated.I treasured our friendship_one wonderful woman.
Jim Gibson



James Gibson - February 15, 2023 at 05:24 PM

KT

“ Our family loved Wanda with our whole hearts. We treasured her so. We will miss seeing her at the Ukranian Church fish fry during lent and we will mostly miss her cards she would send us, she had the tiniest prettiest handwriting. A sweet beautiful soul. Our hearts are broken.
Rest well Aunt Wanda
Ken and Kathy Trush



Ken and Kathy Trush - February 15, 2023 at 05:12 PM

YE

“ *I have fond memories of Mrs. Roback during my career as a Hazel Park Teacher. She met each person that crossed her path with a warm smile, kind and kind words. She was truly a woman of grace and integrity. Yvonne (Young) Emlet*

Yvonne Emlet - February 15, 2023 at 04:59 PM

SV

Wanda was a treasured friend. Never forgot a birthday. Always asked about my family. I loved her. It was always a pleasure working at the H.P Board Office.

Sandy Vivian - February 18, 2023 at 07:14 PM