



Yolanda Walker

July 19, 1931 - October 5, 2020

Yolanda Carolina Walker, age 89, went to the Lord on October 5, 2020. She was born on July 19, 1931 in Lincoln Park, Michigan to Jesus Cantu and Maria de los Ángeles de la Garza. Yolanda was the beloved wife of the late Alan Walker and loving mother of Marshall (Lucy) Walker, Angela Walker Connor (George Jr.), Monica Walker (Paul) Goodrich, and Mary Walker. She was also a proud grandmother of Marshall Walker, Jr., George Connor III, Alan Connor, Grant Goodrich, David Goodrich, Austin Goodrich, Grace Goodrich, Sean (Regina) Crisman, and Maureen (Minkyu) Kim. She was also the dear and cherished sister of Olga Cantu and Gloria (the late Michael) Place.

Yolanda began her professional career at 19 years as a secretary when she worked at R.P. Scherer where she eventually met her future husband, Alan. They married in 1956 and, as their four children grew up, she loved taking family vacations with their VW camper van all over the USA. As her children grew, she enjoyed family gatherings, birthday parties, and babysitting for the grandkids. Yolanda and Alan were able to travel to Rome, Italy and Costa Rica, along with a trip to the southwest which gave her many happy memories with her husband. In her free time, Yolanda loved reading mysteries, especially her favorite, Agatha Christie. Yolanda's greatest professional accomplishment was to become a Senior Executive Secretary for Chrysler Corporation from 1974 to 1993. After Alan's passing in 2010, Yolanda

continued to keep herself occupied as a volunteer at Beaumont Hospital, going to exercise with her sister, watching the old, classic movies, and reading her favorite authors. Yolanda will be best remembered for her pure soul, generous spirit, the strong practice of her faith, including her devotion to the Rosary, as well as the dedication and love she had for her entire family.

Yolanda's visitation is Friday, October 16 from 3-6 pm at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. During the visitation at the funeral home, masks will be required, and ten people will be able to visit at a time in accordance with MDPHS recommendations. Her funeral is Saturday, October 17. In-state 9:30 am until time of funeral liturgy, 10 am at Assumption Grotto Catholic Church, 13770 Gratiot Avenue, Detroit 48205. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Yolanda's memory may be made to Assumption Grotto, Alzheimer's Association, Hospice of Michigan, or Community of Our Lady, 2804 Oakwood Lane, Oshkosh, WI 54904.

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W. 10 Mile Road
10 Mile Road @ Beech Road
Southfield, MI 48033

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16.** 3:00 PM - 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
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Funeral Liturgy

OCT **17.** 10:00 AM (ET)

Assumption Grotto Catholic Church
13770 Gratiot Avenue
Detroit, MI 48205

Tribute Wall

LL

“ Love Dave and Laura purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of Yolanda Walker.



Love Dave and Laura - October 16, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Yolanda Walker.



October 14, 2020 at 02:47 PM

BC

“ Bill & Christine, Cathy, Cecilia, Carol & Craig purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Yolanda Walker.



Bill & Christine, Cathy, Cecilia, Carol & Craig - October 14, 2020 at 01:24 PM

LS

“ Love, Al, Lesley, Albert, Robbie & Sue Sue purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Yolanda Walker.



Love, Al, Lesley, Albert, Robbie & Sue Sue - October 14, 2020 at 10:09 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Yolanda Walker.



October 13, 2020 at 01:00 PM

MW

“ Visiting her dear friends Margie and Mel



mary walker - October 12, 2020 at 11:20 PM



Such a beautiful day ❤️

Michele Froehlich - October 14, 2020 at 08:03 PM

MW

“ Olga, Yolanda, Gloria- *“ las tres gracias”* their dad called them together. *The three graces.*



mary walker - October 12, 2020 at 10:49 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Yolanda Walker.



October 12, 2020 at 12:14 PM

GP

“ *My very beautiful and wonderful sister was the most giving soul on this earth. She was like a mother to me and never asked anything in return. I will never forget you Yolanda, never. I will always have you in my mind and heart. You are one of a kind. Most loved .sister.*

Gloria

Gloria Place - October 11, 2020 at 07:53 PM

MG

“ 1 file added to the album *Mom, Olga, and Gloria Oct. 2013*



Monica Goodrich - October 11, 2020 at 03:43 PM

MG

“ 1 file added to the album *Mom at Cranbrook, December 2019*



Monica Goodrich - October 11, 2020 at 03:42 PM

WR

“ Before the Rona, we shared many Sunday dinners with "Grama Yolanda" and Mary after Mass. Though she became very simple near the end, she always beamed when "that big family" was together. I pray that you, her true family, can see the profound example of kindness, her loving patience, and in particular the unquestionable Faith that so reminded me of my own mothers. Every now and then God does something very special with a willing Elderly person who understands the Christian value of sacrifice. He uses them to show us how to love each other as he takes everything from them in turn, one day at a time, until there is nothing left but their own love to give back to God. In these secret ways of grace, we suffer here below with our own wills, and hearts, and sadly, even from each other. I pray just one thing for your family, that you all take some time to consider her life, her priorities, and her simplicity. Strive for Heaven as she showed us, that by her example, we might have a very good chance of being reunited as "that big family" in Paradise.

Walt Remski - October 10, 2020 at 12:56 PM

MW

Thank you, Walter. You know how much she loved you all, and enjoyed our Sunday brunches together with your whole family. She always wanted to know if "the big family" was coming to Mass and brunch with us. ❤️ Lots of cherished memories together!

mary walker - October 12, 2020 at 11:24 PM

MF

“ Our Dear "Aunt" Yolanda, it has been more than a privilege knowing you. We cherish all the memories of our families getting together. Your home was ALWAYS so warm and welcoming and full of joy. You're going to be so dearly missed by the entire Meldrum family. Our mother especially loves you, I know you know this...we will always remember the two of you with your walkers reunited 2 years ago. Our mom's kiss on your cheek and your tears of joy is a blessed memory for us. It won't be long before we are All reunited together again. We know you are in heaven at the top of the class 🌹 Thank you ❤️ We love you ❤️ The Meldrum Family 🙏

Michele (Meldrum) Froehlich - October 09, 2020 at 11:56 PM

MG

That was a beautiful day, indeed, Michele. Thank you for your kindness by bringing your mom to visit - it was a special day to witness. - Monica

Monica Goodrich - October 11, 2020 at 03:51 PM



We will miss her very much 💕

Michele Froehlich - October 14, 2020 at 08:09 PM