



Marian C. Wodwaska

September 3, 1941 - February 8, 2026

Marian Catherine Wodwaska, 84, entered into eternal life on Sunday, February 8, 2026 under hospice care at the home of her daughter, in Ortonville, Michigan.

Marian was born on September 3, 1941, to the late Raymond and Lydia (Raschke) Cleary. She was a 1959 grauate of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School in Ruth, Michigan.

She and Arnold Wodwaska were united in marriage on November 4, 1967 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Palms, Michigan. He preceded her in death on June 29, 1984 at the young age of 44.

Marian worked in banking for many years in both Ubly and Deckerville. She retired from St. Mary's Catholic Church in Parisville where she was the parish secretary and bookkeeper for many years.

Marian enjoyed playing euchre, going to the casino, various bus trips, going for rides and animals, especially dogs. During the past year she enjoyed a special cat Milo who was her daily companion. Nothing brought her more joy than being a grandmother to her six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She enjoyed watching them at any sporting event they were participating in, showing animals at the fair, or simply a shopping trip or lunch date.

Marian is survived by her daughters: Gail (Gerald) Briolat of Ortonville, Gwen (Kenneth) Gentner of Ruth, grandchildren: Victoria (Clayton) Messing, Kendall (Hallie) Gentner, Katrina (Hunter Vaughn) Gentner, Gretchyn Gentner, Lance

Briolat and Kurt Briolat; great grandchildren: Warren and Arnold Messing, and Emery Genter, siblings: Gerald Cleary, Elaine (John) Vogel, Kenneth (Marla) Cleary, in-laws: Karen Cleary, Sylvia Downey, Geraldine and Glen Peruski and many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Arnold, her Parents Raymond and Lydia Cleary, her mother and father-in-law: Sylvester and ISabel Wodwaska, her brother Ralph Cleary, sister-in-law JoAnn Cleary, brother-in-law Dennis Downey, and her special friends: William McDowell and Ernest Slavick.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, of the St. Hubert Parish of Bad Axe, at 11:30 am on Saturday, February 14, 2026. Burial will take place at a later date at St. Mary's Church Cemetery in Parisville, next to her husband. Visitation for Marian will be on Friday, February 13, 2026 from 2-8pm at the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach. Visitation on Saturday, will be at the church, beginning at 10:30 am until time of services at 11:30 am. A Parish Vigil Service will take place Friday, at 6 pm at the funeral home, and a Rosary Sodality will offer a rosary service at 4 pm on Friday, at the funeral home.

The family would like to thank Julia Blom for providing compassionate care to Marian over the last year and the medical team hospice for their services over the last month.

Memories can be shared at www.RamseyFH.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ramsey Funeral Home, Inc
425 State St
Harbor Beach, MI 48441
(989) 479-3407
<https://www.ramseyfh.com>

Rosary

FEB 13. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Vigil Service

FEB 13. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

FEB 14. 10:30 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church (St. Hubert Parish)
311 Whitelam St
Bad Axe, MI 48413-1205
(989) 269-7729

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 14. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DO

“ So sorry to hear of Marion’s passing. We have fond memories of her.

Dan and Rosemary Oberski

Dan Oberski - February 13 at 10:17 PM

TF

“ The Perry Family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Marian C. Wodwaska.



The Perry Family - February 13 at 10:48 AM

TF

“ The Perry Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marian C. Wodwaska.

The Perry Family - February 13 at 10:48 AM

MK

“ Michele & Eli Kabban purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marian C. Wodwaska.



Michele & Eli Kabban - February 12 at 07:51 PM

MK

“ Michele & Eli Kabban planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marian C. Wodwaska.

Michele & Eli Kabban - February 12 at 07:51 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Marian C. Wodwaska.



February 12 at 05:54 PM

TW

“ Threasa, Doug, Jordan, and Julia Walser purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Marian C. Wodwaska.



Threasa, Doug, Jordan, and Julia Walser - February 12 at 01:24 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marian C. Wodwaska.



February 11 at 08:36 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Marian C. Wodwaska.*



February 11 at 06:19 PM



“ *Ron, Heather, Heaven, John & Boys purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Marian C. Wodwaska.*



Ron, Heather, Heaven, John & Boys - February 11 at 01:49 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marian C. Wodwaska.*



February 11 at 01:07 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Marian C. Wodwaska.*



February 11 at 01:04 PM

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“ ~Michigan Institute of Urology planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marian C. Wodwaska.

~Michigan Institute of Urology - February 11 at 01:04 PM

LF

“ Liz, Steven & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marian C. Wodwaska.



Liz, Steven & Family - February 11 at 11:01 AM

ST

“ Sylvia, Dean, Lynette, Denise and Tom purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Marian C. Wodwaska.



Sylvia, Dean, Lynette, Denise and Tom - February 11 at 09:48 AM