



Carol McDonald

September 27, 1941 - January 11, 2025

Carol passed away on January 11, 2025, in Kalamazoo, MI. She was the daughter of Ernest and Lucille Derhammer, born on September 27, 1941, in Kalamazoo, MI. She grew up in the Kalamazoo area and graduated from St. Augustine Catholic School. After high school, she was employed at WKMI and Pine Dale Ambulance as an EMT and volunteered at the Gobles Public Schools until she retired in 1993. After retirement, she worked at Kountry Klassics Antique Store while donating her time to volunteer at Van Buren Senior Center. When she wasn't working or volunteering, she enjoyed going golfing in the summer and bowling in the Winter. She would spend time painting natural scenery, but nothing was more important than her family. Her family was her priority; she always put her family first.

Carol is survived by her husband Bruce, whom she married on October 9, 1964. She is also survived by two sons, Tim (Jen) McDonald of Lawton and David (Shannon) McDonald of Schoolcraft; her grandkids, Alea (Aaron) Michelli, Colin McDonald, and Savannah McDonald; her great-grandson Jackson, also surviving her are her siblings, David Derhammer, Donald (Carol) Derhammer, Barb (Mark) Pearson, Susie Kovack, Shirley (Rick) Hay, and Jim (Roxanne) Derhammer, along with many nieces, nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings, Richard Derhammer and Betty Bieghler.

The family invites you for a time of visitation on Thursday, January 16, 2025, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Chapel, D.L. Miller Funeral Home. Her funeral service will be on Friday, January 17th, 2025, at 12 p.m., with Pastor Sheila Baker officiating. She will be buried at Robinson Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Senior Services of Van Buren County.

Cemetery Details

Robinson Cemetery

34000 20th Avenue
Gobles, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bloomingtondale Chapel
203 East Spring Street
Bloomingtondale, MI

Funeral Service

JAN 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

Bloomingtondale Chapel
203 East Spring Street
Bloomingtondale, MI

Tribute Wall

AK

“ Bruce, so sorry to hear of Carol's passing. I just came across her obituary. My condolences are with you. Big Andy

Andrea Kidney - January 27, 2025 at 12:52 PM

GH

“ Glenda Himmel lit a candle in memory of Carol McDonald



glenda himmel - January 15, 2025 at 09:00 PM

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“ Bruce, so sorry to hear of Carols passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you now and in the days ahead.
Glenda (Storey) Himmel

glenda himmel - January 15, 2025 at 08:59 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Carol McDonald.



January 15, 2025 at 10:01 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol McDonald.



January 14, 2025 at 11:48 AM



“ Mike & Jill Dwyer lit a candle in memory of Carol McDonald



Mike & Jill Dwyer - January 13, 2025 at 09:53 AM



Bruce, so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Mike & Jill Dwyer

Mike & Jill Dwyer - January 13, 2025 at 09:55 AM



“ The memories I have shared with Carol I could write a book.. a once in a lifetime friend. Many laughs and tears shared over the years. I will truly miss her. RIP Carol

Dolores (Dee) Herschleb - January 13, 2025 at 09:44 AM



“ Rebecca S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol McDonald.

Rebecca S. - January 12, 2025 at 10:54 PM

KC

“ *She was, a great friend we had lots of good times I will miss her* 🙏
rip

Karen cabras - January 12, 2025 at 09:50 PM