



Darlene Ann Coley

November 26, 1958 - November 18, 2024

COLEY, Darlene Ann, 65, of Sterling Heights, MI passed away on Monday, November 18, 2024. She was born November 26, 1958 the daughter of Donald and Gwendolyn Watkins in Harper Woods, MI. Darlene was united in marriage to Thomas William Coley on October 1, 1982 at St. Anne's Catholic Church. Together they shared 42 years of love and laughter. Some of her hobbies included cooking, swimming and shopping. Above all else Darlene cherished her family, especially her grandchildren; she was selfless and often put everyone else's needs above her own.

Left to honor her memory are her loving husband: Thomas; children: Brett (Ryane), Chelsea and Brandon (Jennifer); grandchildren: Willa, Brielle, Max and Brooks; brother: Don (Sheila); sister: Valerie (Gerardo); niece: Samantha; and nephew: Fabian.

Preceding her in death are her parents: Donald and Gwendolyn.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2024 from 3-8pm with a Funeral Service starting at 6pm at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, inc., 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile).

The family has asked that memorial contributions be made out to the Alzheimer's Association (https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?df_id=51079&51079.donation=form1&mfc_pref=T&utm_source=google&utm_medium=paidsearch&utm_campaign=giving_google_SL&gad_source=1&gclid=EAlaIQobChMIIMyQprHriQMVQnF_AB2ZDx6UEAAYASABEgKEu_D_BwE) or United Spinal Association (<https://unitedspinal.org/support-our-mission/>) .

Please share memories with the family at their online guestbook at
WujekCalcaterra.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **23**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling
36900 SCHOENHERR RD
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Funeral Service

NOV **23**. 6:00 PM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling
36900 SCHOENHERR RD
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Tribute Wall

AM

“ Angela M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlene Ann Coley.

Angela M. - November 23, 2024 at 03:50 PM

LM

“ Love Mike, Nicole & Juliet Malak purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Darlene Ann Coley.



Love Mike, Nicole & Juliet Malak - November 23, 2024 at 08:55 AM

LF

“ Love The Guracech Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Darlene Ann Coley.



Love The Guracech Family - November 23, 2024 at 08:17 AM

LF

“ Love The Guracech Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlene Ann Coley.

Love The Guracech Family - November 23, 2024 at 08:17 AM

TM

“ Tracy Moore purchased the *Fall Fantasia* for the family of Darlene Ann Coley.



Tracy Moore - November 22, 2024 at 09:49 PM

TM

“ From: Tracy Moore planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlene Ann Coley.

Tracy Moore - November 22, 2024 at 09:49 PM

UN

“ Uncle Roger, Aunt Sue, Brian & the Nobles purchased the *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray* for the family of Darlene Ann Coley.



Uncle Roger, Aunt Sue, Brian & the Nobles - November 22, 2024 at 09:45 PM

UN

“ Uncle Roger, Aunt Sue, Brian & the Nobles planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlene Ann Coley.

Uncle Roger, Aunt Sue, Brian & the Nobles - November 22, 2024 at 09:45 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darlene Ann Coley.



November 22, 2024 at 09:19 PM



“ Andrew Bourdon & family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Darlene Ann Coley.



Andrew Bourdon & family - November 22, 2024 at 07:14 PM



“ Andrew Bourdon & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlene Ann Coley.

Andrew Bourdon & family - November 22, 2024 at 07:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darlene Ann Coley.

November 22, 2024 at 03:39 PM

JA

“ Jimmy and Annie Angellino purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Darlene Ann Coley.



Jimmy and Annie Angellino - November 22, 2024 at 01:37 PM

JA

“ Jimmy and Annie Angellino planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlene Ann Coley.

Jimmy and Annie Angellino - November 22, 2024 at 01:37 PM

MG

“ Mark, Jeff and Carrie at Skillman Group purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Darlene Ann Coley.



Mark, Jeff and Carrie at Skillman Group - November 22, 2024 at 12:11 PM

MP

“ Michigan Lake Products purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Darlene Ann Coley.



Michigan Lake Products - November 22, 2024 at 11:59 AM

NT

“ *NORTH - Shared Services Team purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Darlene Ann Coley.*



NORTH - Shared Services Team - November 22, 2024 at 11:26 AM

KF

“ *Krebs & Galea Families purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Darlene Ann Coley.*



Krebs & Galea Families - November 22, 2024 at 11:22 AM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Darlene Ann Coley.*



November 22, 2024 at 10:40 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Darlene Ann Coley.*



November 22, 2024 at 09:24 AM

TT

“ *The entire Puig team purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Darlene Ann Coley.*



The entire Puig team - November 22, 2024 at 08:37 AM

DW

“ A few thoughts from her brother:

-It makes me smile as I remember Dar and I eating popcorn or fudge ripple ice cream with grandma while watching a Disney movie or a Detroit Tigers game.

-On Christmas morning we tried to sneak down the stairs of the old farmhouse, but grandma usually caught us. She would send us back upstairs to bed! Time passed slowly, as we waited for everyone to get up so we could open the presents.

-Dar and I were so excited to go to the ballpark to watch the Detroit Tigers. Aunt Donna got us seats right above the dugout. Some of the people thought we were one of the player's family because we were so tan! We liked playing outside a lot! Aunt Donna got us a hot dog and a pretzel. Unfortunately, neither one of us got a chance to catch a ball. Dar probably would have done so, since she was a better athlete.

-I remember telling Brett one day how Dar and I would be watching TV at night. It was her night to pick the show, but part way through the show she seemed to be sleeping. Her eyes were closed! So, I would change the channel! She would blurt out, "I was watching that!" Brett said she still does that! We both laughed.

-It touched my heart when Dar made a trip to California when I was in the hospital. It cheered me up!

-More recently, I was so happy that we got to talk on the phone Friday, 11/15/24. We both decided to call each other more frequently. She told me she was so excited about her trip to Paris with Tom and Chelsea; and for Samantha's wedding in August.

-I really miss you, sis! Much love, Don

Don Watkins - November 21, 2024 at 11:00 PM

TS

“ Tom & Amy Basham / Jeff & Sheryl Schwie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Darlene Ann Coley.



Tom & Amy Basham / Jeff & Sheryl Schwie - November 21, 2024 at 08:12 PM

TS

“ Tom & Amy Basham / Jeff & Sheryl Schwie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlene Ann Coley.

Tom & Amy Basham / Jeff & Sheryl Schwie - November 21, 2024 at 08:12 PM

CW

“ Chantelle and Chuck Wheeler purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Darlene Ann Coley.



Chantelle and Chuck Wheeler - November 21, 2024 at 02:06 PM

CW

“ Chantelle and Chuck Wheeler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlene Ann Coley.

Chantelle and Chuck Wheeler - November 21, 2024 at 02:06 PM

SY

“ Sheila Y. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlene Ann Coley.

Sheila Y. - November 21, 2024 at 11:21 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darlene Ann Coley.



November 21, 2024 at 06:28 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darlene Ann Coley.

November 21, 2024 at 06:28 AM

PV

“ Darlene Watkins. Pretty long blonde hair. Can't remember the class or teacher, but I see Darlene sitting in front row first seat right near door to our classroom as if it were yesterday. We were acquaintances at Warren High. I really liked and admired her then. Reading Vickies' post tells me I truly missed out on becoming a close friend of Darlenes. I am sending out my deepest sympathy and prayers to the Coley and Watkins families.
Patty (Skwierc) Vince

Patricia Vince - November 20, 2024 at 07:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Darlene Ann Coley.



November 20, 2024 at 07:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darlene Ann Coley.

November 20, 2024 at 07:13 PM



“ With love, Stephanie Goldstein purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Darlene Ann Coley.



With love, Stephanie Goldstein - November 20, 2024 at 01:09 PM



“ Vicki, Jane, Craig and Sharon purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Darlene Ann Coley.



Vicki, Jane, Craig and Sharon - November 20, 2024 at 08:07 AM

MO

“ Mom purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Darlene Ann Coley.



Mom - November 20, 2024 at 07:56 AM

VG

“ Darlene was my sister-in-law, no, she was my third sister. She was funny, beautiful, compassionate and the most selfless woman in my life.

She has done so much for me these last several years that I couldn't begin to repay her. She always knew what to say and what to do.

We talked almost every morning around 7:30. She was either picking up her house, off to the gym or picking up her grandkids. Whatever the conversation we always found something to laugh about. The other day it was how her grandson Brooks, in his deep gravely voice would say, "GMA, play cars with me." She got such a kick out of how he talked to her.

This morning my house was very quiet at 7:30 as I waited for a call that will never come again.

I miss her terribly already.

I hope you don't mind, Darlene, but I might continue to have those conversations by myself for a while. Feel free to chime in or give me a sign from above.

Rest in peace dear sister ❤️❤️

Vicki Coley Guntenaar

Vicki Coley Guntenaar - November 19, 2024 at 07:56 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Darlene Ann Coley.*



November 19, 2024 at 07:38 PM



“ *Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Darlene Ann Coley.*



Family - November 19, 2024 at 07:30 PM



“ *Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlene Ann Coley.*

Family - November 19, 2024 at 07:30 PM

MK

“ My name is Mary Kubert and Darlene has been My Dear Friend for 33 years.

Darlene was always quick to put others before herself. She was a very loyal friend that was ALWAYS there when I needed her most!

We raised our kids together which gives me wonderful memories I will cherish forever.

Darlene and I spoke on the phone daily. These were phone call/therapy sessions where we helped each other through tough times and shared the good times.

When one of us was down, the other pushed or pulled the other along.

I loved making Darlene laugh and I will miss her everyday.

I Love You My Friend.

May You Rest in Peace.

Mary

mary kubert - November 19, 2024 at 06:03 PM