



## Donna Joanne Zuehlk

November 30, 1947 - December 20, 2025

Luke 1:45 Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!

Donna Joanne Zuehlk went to her heavenly home on December 20, 2025, at the age of 78. She loved her family and friends fiercely, served her church faithfully, and loved the Lord completely! Her faith, fortitude, and self-sacrifice established a blessing that will continue for generations!

Donna was willing to speak truth even if that meant standing alone, tirelessly fighting for the rights of the unborn and the disabled. Her passion for Lutherans for Life began in 1975, and she spent many years as a volunteer helping pregnant women in crisis.

Donna was born on November 30, 1947, to Erwin and Eileen Seifferlein (Harm) of New Haven. She secured her Crown of Life by God's grace, through Baptism on January 1, 1948. She earned her elementary education at St John Lutheran School in New Haven, attended New Haven High for 2 years, and then finished at Lutheran High East in Harper Woods. After high school, she attended the Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing in Detroit and earned her RN diploma. The friendships she formed with the Deaconess girls - and the yearly get-togethers they held - filled her life with joy.

She worked at Mt Clemens General Hospital as a registered nurse before adopting and raising two children. As a stay-at-home mom she became involved at St Peter Lutheran Church and School in Macomb Township. She

was involved in the church choir, the altar guild, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and Vacation Bible School.

Donna married the love of her life, Byron, of Washington Township, on October 25, 1969. She cared for Byron faithfully, keeping him healthy and well - serving many years as his personal nurse. God blessed them with two adopted children, Elizabeth and Andrew, in 1977 and 1978. Donna is survived by her husband Byron, her daughter Elizabeth Kohsel, her son Andrew (Katie) Zuehlk, her grandchildren Jakob Kohsel, Mason Kohsel, Esther (Manu) King, Ben Zuehlk, Sara Zuehlk, and Mary Zuehlk. She was predeceased by her sister Beverly (David) Stepniak, sister Karen (Dale) Smith, and brother Russel (Barbara) Seifferlein.

Visitation Sunday, December 28th, from 2-8pm with a 7:30pm Prayer Service at Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc., (Shelby) 54880 Van Dyke at 25 Mile Rd. Funeral Monday, December 29th, Instate from 2pm until the time of the 3pm Funeral Service at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 8600 27 Mile Rd., Washington, 48094. Memorial contributions are appreciated to Compassion Pregnancy Center (<https://compassionpregnancy.org/>) or Lutherans for Life (<https://lutheransforlife.org/>). There will be a private Internment at St John's Cemetery located on River Stone Drive in Shelby Township immediately following the service. Please share memories with the family at their online guestbook at [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **28**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons - Shelby Township  
54880 VanDyke Ave  
Shelby Township, MI 48316

## Instate / Funeral Service

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
8600 27 Mile Road  
Washington Township, MI 48094

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Donna Joanne Zuehlk*



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**Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc.** - December 27, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ *Donna was a rock of dependability when I was pastor at st Peter she was helpful, energetic, and a faithful servant of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

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**Wayne Wentzel** - December 26, 2025 at 06:38 PM



“ *I've only had the honor of knowing Donna for the past 9 years in connection with Compassion Pregnancy Center and wish I'd met her decades before. Donna's faith and passion for the precious unborn and their mommas was uplifting and encouraging. I can only imagine her reward in heaven will be great. Sue Nellis, Executive Director of Compassion Pregnancy Center*

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**Sue Nellis** - December 23, 2025 at 06:57 PM

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“ Working with Donna at Compassion pregnancy center was such a blessing. Donna was such a champion for life. May her legacy continue in all the ways she blessed others and her family. I'm praying for peace and comfort for all of you.

Love and prayers,  
Denise Wolf

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**Denise Wolf** - December 23, 2025 at 08:27 AM