



## Helena Mary Derwa

February 16, 1938 - June 11, 2022

Helena Mary Derwa 84 of Center Line, passed away Saturday, June 11, 2022 at Ascension St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, Michigan. Helena was born on February 16, 1938 in Almont, Michigan to the late John T. & Helena (Bollaert) Herzig. She was the beloved wife of the late Robert A. Derwa, and loving mother of Cynthia (Howard) Latta, Lori Dubiel, Robert Derwa Jr., Jeff (Donna) Derwa, and Sandra (Gary) Hill, devoted grandmother to Jeremy Smythe, Jeff Derwa Jr. and Gary Hill Jr. Cherished sister of Patricia (Robert) Kowalik, the late Diane Klys, John (the late Pam) Herzig, Margaret Stoffel, Jack (Mary) Herzig, Juliane Herzig, and a very large extend family. She was loved and adored by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends, who loved her and will miss her very much.

Helena was a graduate of Fitzgerald High School 1956. Worked and retired from Kroger. Then became part of Helen's Closet at St. Marks Church in Warren, working with her mother until her passing, and continued to carry on the legacy with her daughter Sandra. Helena was a devout Catholic and proud member of The Michigan Daughters of Isabella St Jane De Chantal Circle, throughout Helena's entire life, she held an unwavering faith in God, which she shared with those who surrounded her. Helena had a heart of gold, gave generously to many charities, and a friend to all whose lives she touched.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to make a contribution in her name to the

Ronald McDonald House Charities. (<https://rmhc-detroit.org/>)

A visitation will take place at Wujek Calcaterra - 36900 Schoenherr Rd (Metro Parkway) on Thursday, June 16, 2022 from 3pm – 9pm.

Funeral Mass Friday, June 17, 2022. Instate at 9:30am Mass at 10am at St. Mary Our Lady Queen Families, 10 Mile & Van Dyke.

Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" @ [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 16. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## Rosary

JUN 16. 7:00 PM (ET)

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36900 SCHOENHERR RD  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

## Instate / Funeral Service

JUN 17. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Our Lady Queen of Families (St. Clement)  
25252 Van Dyke Ave  
Center Line, MI 48015

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Helena Mary Derwa*



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**Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc.** - June 15, 2022 at 11:00 AM

MA

*Bob, what a beautiful tribute to my loving and beautiful sister. Thank you ❤️❤️❤️*

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**Margaret** - June 16, 2022 at 10:17 AM

CD

“ *Mrs Derwa you were always kind and thoughtful and always had just the right thing to say make to people around you feel good. You may be gone but you will forever be in my heart.*

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**Craig Dubiel** - June 16, 2022 at 01:11 PM

R&

“ *Ryan, Judy, Jaimey, Nova, Mike, Richard & RJ purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Helena Mary Derwa.*



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**Ryan, Judy, Jaimey, Nova, Mike, Richard & RJ** - June 16, 2022 at 09:08 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helena Mary Derwa.*



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June 15, 2022 at 08:04 PM



“ *"Wherever a beautiful soul has been, A trail of beautiful memories has been left behind .*

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**Joann Dubiel** - June 15, 2022 at 05:19 PM



“ *Lavender Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helena Mary Derwa.*



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June 15, 2022 at 03:12 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Helena Mary Derwa.*



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June 15, 2022 at 03:07 PM

DL

“Helen and I never got the chance to sit and watch that Hallmark movie together but we will someday in our eternal home. For now rest in the arm of Jesus.  
My condolences and prayers to the family for peace and comfort.

Debbie Lowe - June 15, 2022 at 01:14 PM

EK

Helen and I met at age 18 in an all girls band. She was the singer. I played alto sax. Later we lived next door to each other in Roseville, MI. We helped in raising our children always babysitting for each other saving a great amount of money and time. Each time we went to the grocery store or any place the other watched all our children. All young Mothers need a Helen in their life. GOD how I miss her.

Edie Kauffmann - June 17, 2022 at 08:45 AM

MH

“Helen was an amazing, wonderful and caring person. She lived and loved her faith and I am sure God and all the angels welcomed her home with open arms. From day one she welcomed into the family and made me feel just like a sister instead of a sister-in-law. We will miss you 😞! Love. Mary

Mary herzig - June 15, 2022 at 01:12 PM

CF

“Chris, Carolyn, Matt, and Alex Forry purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Helena Mary Derwa.



Chris, Carolyn, Matt, and Alex Forry - June 15, 2022 at 01:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Helena Mary Derwa.*



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June 14, 2022 at 05:19 PM



“ *Your mom was my Girl Scout leader in the 60's , and remembered me many years later when I saw her at an event. My condolences to your family. 🙏🙏*

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**Kathy Guastella (Ferranti)** - June 14, 2022 at 01:58 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Helena Mary Derwa.*



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June 14, 2022 at 10:13 AM



“ *I met Helena through Helen's Closet when I was pastor of St Mark Parish. Her dedication and cheerfulness and sense of Service was a Hallmark of the 'Two Helens' Closet - Outreach to the Community I'm which the parish ministered. May she surely rest in peace.*

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**Fr Robert Ruedisueli** - June 14, 2022 at 09:46 AM

DC

“ *I loved your mom as if she was my own. I will greatly miss her. All my love to the family.* ”



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**Debbie Cudnik** - June 14, 2022 at 08:50 AM