



## Jean Marie Farrand

May 18, 1949 - July 17, 2025

FARRAND, JEAN MARIE. Age 76. It is with heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Jean Marie Farrand, a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, lifelong educator, and fierce advocate for animals, who left this world on July 17, 2025, after a brave and relentless battle with pancreatic cancer.

Jean was the loving mother of Michael Farrand, Jill (Dale) Millns and Rebecca (Kirk) Lauterbach. She was the proud grandmother of Vivian, Jackson, Kasen, Caroline, Reid, Piper and Ellie. And dearest sister of Phyllis Davenport, Brian Torma, Kevin (Sherrii) Torma, Maureen Torma, John (Jane) Torma, & David Torma.

Jean spent more than 40 years shaping young minds as a dedicated teacher, serving 32 years with Utica Community Schools and 20+ years as an adjunct professor at Baker College, Davenport University and University of Phoenix. But her commitment to teaching didn't stop there, she continued serving in schools as a substitute teacher through October of 2024 in both the Utica and Romeo Community School districts. The classroom was a place where she could demonstrate patience, encouragement, and strength where every child felt seen and valued. Even through the pain and uncertainty of her illness, she clung to her love of teaching - always holding onto the hope that she would one day return to the work and the staff that gave her life so much meaning.

Outside of her home and classroom, Jean found deep purpose in rescuing and caring for animals - especially those dogs in need. Over the years she gave countless four-legged friends a second chance at life, offering them not just shelter, but warmth, devotion, and true companionship.

Her greatest joy came with the title of "Grandma". Her grandchildren were her world, and she never missed a moment cheering them on, even if she couldn't be there in person. Whether it was sporting events, school activities, birthday parties or that emergency phone call in the morning when they were not feeling well, she was their constant and comforting presence.

In her final days, Jean was surrounded by her loving daughters as they held her hand while she took her final breath - just as she always held theirs.

The family invites you to join them during a visitation Wednesday 3-8pm with 7:00pm Sharing of Memories at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons 54880 Van Dyke at 25 Mile Rd. (SHELBY TOWNSHIP). Funeral Thursday Instate 10:30am at SS. John & Paul Church 7777 28 Mile Rd. (West of Campground) until time of Mass at 11:00am.

Donations are welcome to the Michigan Humane Society or the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. Share memories with the family at their "On Line Guest Book" @ [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 23. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons Inc, Shelby Township  
54880 Van Dyke  
Shelby Township, MI 48316

## Sharing of Memories

JUL 23. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons Inc, Shelby Township  
54880 Van Dyke  
Shelby Township, MI 48316

## Instate / Funeral Mass

JUL 24. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

SS. John & Paul  
7777 West 28 Mile  
Washington, MI

# Tribute Wall

SK

“ I met Jean at St Bede’s grade school. We continued our friendship at Marian High School. We would spend the night at each other’s house. We reconnected before we got married and spoke about our hopes for the future. At the 50 celebration of our graduation from high school we found each other again. We have been exchanging Christmas Cards ever since.

*I am so sorry to just hear of her death. She was a wonderful woman and I am proud to have known her.*

Sarah Gallagher Kelsch - September 19, 2025 at 08:15 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jean Marie Farrand.

July 22, 2025 at 10:20 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jean Marie Farrand.



July 22, 2025 at 10:20 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean Marie Farrand.



July 21, 2025 at 09:47 PM

PD

“ Jean was my big sister, by 15 months but a year ahead in school. She was that over achiever student I had to follow and try to emulate. We went through Marian High School together and she still wore her class ring. Always a teacher at heart as she wanted us to 'play school' on summer break. Really? But we obliged. Shared a double bed, closet and dresser as a family of nine until I got married. The best years were when our children were growing up as we had fun holidays and a few vacations together and with Mom and Dad. In the last years we spent time together on holidays, at plays and just hanging out. I will miss these times very much. Her home of thirty years was like my second home. Be at peace, Jean, pain and worry free. There are no tears in Heaven and lots of family and friends, and mostly Jesus and His light and ultimate love. Shalom and I will see you again. XO Phyllis

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**Phyllis Davenport** - July 21, 2025 at 03:03 PM

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“ Of all the Neighbors I could have lived next to for 30 years God blessed me with Jean. She became my friend and neighbor and we went to a play, out to lunch in Marine City and mostly we would visit in her kitchen with her 3 dogs laying near us. She was the best neighbor and made where I live an even better place. I will truly miss her, our camaraderie on fb and our love of clothes. Jean was always so dressed up in the most beautiful outfits and her garage sales were amazing. I was so inspired by her drive to get back to work when she broke her hip, then the other one and would say I have to start walking more so I can get some more subbing jobs. She was so sad when she was struck with pancreatitis ; she said, oh no I might not be able to sub. After she got out of the hospital I could tell she was still thinking about recovering and going to sub some more. May God Bless Her Souls Journey;; she will be missed by so many. It was a true blessing to know Jean and she has the best family. Prayers for her wonderful children and family; they took the best care of her and her dogs. Only time can heal our loss...she has left a big void. I am so sorry to miss seeing Becky, Jill, and Phyllis at the Memorial because I fly out to visit my son in NYC on this Monday for a week. I will always treasure the special times I had with your Mom. Tina Tierney

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Tina Tierney - July 19, 2025 at 10:38 PM

NV

“ I met Jean at the University of Phoenix. We taught math together. She showed me around and helped me in so many ways. She also helped get me a job at Baker university. She was a wonderful teacher and a great work buddy. She will be missed. I will forever remember the things she taught me and be forever grateful for the time we spent together. Thank you for being my friend. Prayers to your family. Nanette Valentine💔

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Nanette Valentine - July 19, 2025 at 04:07 PM

JT

“ So many memories from childhood and beyond. Many wonderful Christmas and summer beach moments. Watching The Beatles first appearance on television, trips to the zoo and Greenfield Village. Jean was a very a special sister and took us with her to friends houses and looked after us when we were little. She and Phyllis took us to Mardi Gras at Marian high school where they had bake sales and cake walks. My brother Dave and I helped her decorate her classrooms every August when she started out in Utica. Not too many years ago she visited Jane and I in Wisconsin where we took her to the Field of Dreams in Iowa and a corn maze adventure. So many cherished memories I can't count but these were some of the highlights. She will be missed.

John Torma - July 19, 2025 at 04:03 PM

PD

We found the photos of your visit to Field of Dreams and that vacation. Will send some. You also shared a big love of animals. Love you, John, my Bro.

Phyllis Davenport - July 21, 2025 at 02:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jean Marie Farrand.

July 19, 2025 at 03:49 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jean Marie Farrand.



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SC

“ Jean and I were first cousins. We did not see each other a lot throughout the years, not nearly enough. It seems we shared the strong animal rescue/love of animals gene. I am sorry she suffered so much with a relentless type of cancer. She is sharing joyfully now with her parents and mine who went before. Love, Sharon Machan Clark.

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**Sharon Machan Clark** - July 19, 2025 at 03:44 PM

LP

“ Lisa & Kevin Pooley purchased the Blue Caribe an Bouquet for the family of Jean Marie Farrand.



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**Lisa & Kevin Pooley** - July 18, 2025 at 11:30 PM

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“ My prayers are with all of you in the family. Jean and I worked together at Baker College in the teacher prep program. She was always the professional educator and wonderful friend.

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**Dr. Thomas S. Smith, Sr.** - July 18, 2025 at 10:28 PM