



## Karen Elizabeth Blake

July 15, 1960 - March 6, 2023

BLAKE, Karen E. age 62, March 6, 2023

Loving mother of Lauryn (Andrew) Swiacki, Kelly (Dave Malinowski) Gianotti and Michael Gianotti. Proud grandmother of Casein, Wyatt, Hailey, Owen and dog Gunner. Dearest daughter of the late Kenneth and Beverly Blake. Dear sister of Suzanne Blake, Thomas (Patricia) Blake, Stephen Blake, Liz Blake and Mary (Richard) Smith. Also sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends!

Karen was a giving, selfless fighter who always put others first. She was most happy seeing others happy. She volunteered her time to organizations such as Meals on Wheels and Compassion Pregnancy. She was given a renewed lease on life when she received a double lung transplant in May 2017. This gift gave her loved ones almost six more amazing years with her. Despite her many trials and tribulations, Karen always persevered. After she lost her vision two years ago, she learned to bake, play piano, and was always memorizing children's' books to read to her grandkids. She will be remembered by all for her faith, love, and grace. Her faith in our risen Lord was steadfast and inspiring. Karen was a true servant for His Kingdom. She has run the race and is now home, and she will be remembered by all for her abundant faith, love, and grace.

Visitation Friday 3-9pm at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. (Shelby Township)

54880 Van Dyke at 25 Mile Rd. Scripture Service 7:00pm. Instate Saturday 9:30am at St. Paul of Tarsus Catholic Church until Mass at 10:00am. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family appreciates donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (Karen's favorite charity) or to The Gift of Life. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guest Book" @ [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 10. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## Instate / Funeral Mass

MAR 11. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul of Tarsus  
41300 Romeo Plank Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038

# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Karen Elizabeth Blake.



March 10, 2023 at 02:31 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Karen Elizabeth Blake.



March 10, 2023 at 11:20 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Karen Elizabeth Blake.



March 10, 2023 at 10:55 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Karen Elizabeth Blake.



March 10, 2023 at 10:48 AM

LC

“ I have very fond memories of your Mom. We met when our sons became friends and became quick friends . She had a very big heart and was so kind and giving. We made a good team and shared many laughs and memories. She will be missed, but know she loved her children so deeply. I am so very sorry for your loss ☐  
❤️ -Linda Crawford

Linda Crawford - March 10, 2023 at 10:35 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Karen Elizabeth Blake.



March 10, 2023 at 09:55 AM

JM

“ I have so many great memories growing up with Karen, from jr high to college. All the time in gymnastics to many hours spent at her parents house. I will miss my dear friend and her beautiful smile that could light up the room. My deepest sympathy to the whole family.

Janine Mattei

Janine Mattei - March 09, 2023 at 08:33 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Karen Elizabeth Blake.



March 09, 2023 at 02:36 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Elizabeth Blake.*



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March 09, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karen Elizabeth Blake.*



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March 09, 2023 at 07:52 AM



“ *Another memory I have on a more personal note...I struggled with loving myself at times, as someone who was ALWAYS there for me you were always a phone call or conversation away. You told me to always have hope, strength and to give myself the grace I deserved. I just remember fondly when you lived with grandma all the candid conversations we had an tears we shared to give each other strength. I will always hold your words of wisdom so close to me. I love you always forever!*

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**Erica Lozon** - March 09, 2023 at 01:52 AM

EL

“ Gosh there are just so many memories...I remember always being at your house. My childhood and adolescence was spent at the Gainsborough house. Sneaking up after you went to sleep to get candy (of course you had the best options), making up dances, jumping on the trampoline, swimming, playing with the 100s of kids that were over, the purple room, the playroom, the basement. Just all of it! You were always there to make us feel welcomed and loved no matter what! I will love you always and forever my auntie!

*Erica Lozon*

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**Erica Lozon** - March 09, 2023 at 01:50 AM

LA

“ My sincerest condolences to all of you!  
Prayers lifted.



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**Lisa Angus** - March 08, 2023 at 11:19 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Elizabeth Blake.



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March 08, 2023 at 06:22 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Karen Elizabeth Blake.*



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March 08, 2023 at 04:51 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Karen Elizabeth Blake.*



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March 08, 2023 at 12:54 PM



“ *I have so many great memories of Karen when the kids were small in the Cranberry sub. She was such a giving person and loving Mother. She lived for her family and her love shines through all of you. My deepest sympathy to Lauryn, Kelly & Michael ❤️*

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**Diane Pierse** - March 08, 2023 at 11:33 AM

JR

“ Kelly, Lauryn, and Michael... I am so sorry for your loss. I remember so many childhood days on the trampoline or playing in your yard. Your mom always there for snacks and to watch over us.

Perhaps the thing I remember most is every day watching her sign "I love you" as the bus pulled away from the bus stop. I think about that a lot with my own son now, and how much that image has stayed with me. I look forward to continuing the tradition when it's my turn to wave goodbye at the bus.

*Sending you all my love! Jenna Robichau (Crawford)*

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**Jenna Robichau** - March 08, 2023 at 10:05 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Karen Elizabeth Blake.



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March 08, 2023 at 09:48 AM

AY

“ Kelly  
I'm so sorry for your loss. Our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family. We have all been there with you reading your journaling about your mom. You have a beautiful family and I know you have honored your mother. Hugs to you.

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**Andrea Yeip** - March 08, 2023 at 09:44 AM