



Katheline Helen Smiecinski

August 20, 1933 - April 1, 2026

Katheline Helen Smiecinski (nee Barnowsky), age 92, passed away peacefully on April 1, 2026, in Roseville, Michigan. Born on August 20, 1933, in Oxford, Michigan, Katheline lived a full and vibrant life marked by dedication to her family, faith, and community.

Katheline graduated with honors and a scholarship offering from St. Charles High School in Detroit Michigan, an achievement that reflected her determination and intellect. She went on to build a long and fulfilling career in the medical field as a Medical Assistant, Office Manager, and Biller. Early in her career, she experienced one of her most cherished moments, assisting in the delivery of a baby, a memory she held dear throughout her life.

Katheline was married to the love of her life, Stanley Smiecinski, with whom she shared 60 joyful years until his passing. Together they raised five children: Tina Zavislak (Gary), Gary Smiecinski (Lisa), Thomas Smiecinski (Donna), Joseph Smiecinski (Debra), and Glenn Smiecinski. She was a devoted grandmother to 12 grandchildren and great-grandmother to 14. Her family was the center of her world, and she cherished moments spent with them.

A woman of deep faith, Katheline was raised in the Catholic tradition and a born again believer. Her spirituality guided her actions and provided her comfort throughout her journey.

Katheline had a zest for life that shone through in her hobbies and interests. She loved books and was an avid reader her whole life. She loved dancing with Stanley and was a passionate fan of Lions and Michigan college football

and Tigers baseball. She found joy in vacationing across northern Michigan, Florida and Missouri, as well as traveling for family celebrations such as her granddaughters' weddings. A lover of nature, she took pride in planting flowers and caring for her yard year-round, even into her 90s when she continued mowing her lawn and shoveling snow.

Her creative spirit was evident in flower gardening, sewing, ceramics, decorating for the holidays, and playing board and card games with loved ones. She also enjoyed trips to the casino with nieces and nephews and treasured time spent with extended family members.

Katheline is survived by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sister Darline Calcaterra; brother Raymond Barnowsky (Jess); nieces; nephews; and friends who will miss her dearly.

She was predeceased by her parents Matthias and Dorothy Barnowsky (Bessy); sister Margaret Jean Golze; brothers Ralph Barnowsky, Edward Barnowsky, and Charles Barnowsky.

Katheline's legacy is one of love, resilience, faith, and joy, a life well-lived that touched all who knew her. May her memory bring comfort to those who mourn her passing while celebrating the remarkable woman she was.

A Memorial Gathering will be held on Friday April 24, 2026 at 3pm until the 6pm Memorial Service at Wujek Calcaterra & Sons Funeral Home 36900 Schoenherr @ Metro Parkway (16 Mile Rd) Sterling Heights, Michigan 48312.

In Lieu of flowers memorial contributions in Kathline's honor would be appreciated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital @ www.stjude.org.

Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guest Book" @ WujekCalcaterra.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

APR 24. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Katheline Helen Smiecinski*



Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. - April 21 at 04:15 PM

AH

“ *I was Mrs Kathy's mail carrier for the past couple years. We spoke many times a week. I was always so impressed with her determination to keep her home in tip top shape. She didn't let a thing hold her back. She shared a lot of stories with me about her beloved husband. She missed him so much and was still so much in love with him. Have comfort knowing they have been united now.*

Amanda H



Amanda H - May 19 at 03:22 PM

DK

“ *My deepest condolences to all of the Smiecinski family. May you find some comfort in Katheline's full and wonderful life. Love you all,*

Denise Kempa

Denise Kempa - April 24 at 04:54 PM

GS

“ Sending love and wishes for heavenly peace to one of the nicest aunts my hubby and I had in our lives. Many happy memories of her and Uncle Stan in our lives. Treasured memories of Christmas cards, phone calls and visits when possible. Forever in our memories and always in our hearts. Rest in Peace with your beloved Stan, and all the angels and saints praising our dear Lord and Savior.

Geri Smiecinski - April 10 at 05:57 PM

TZ

Thank you cousin for your very kind words, memories and love.

Tina Zavislak - April 11 at 11:34 PM

JS

“ For the last few years. She asked me if I could drive her to Dr appointments. We always enjoyed talking about the good old days. Helped her with some chores around her house. Cutting tree down in her front yard. Eating Taco Bell for lunch with her. She will be missed. But she had a great welcoming committee when arrived in heaven. May your rest in peace!

john staniszewski - April 10 at 05:47 PM

TZ

Thank you cousin, and yes she sure had a big welcoming party with so many there now. Thank you for all your help over the years. I know she appreciated it and your company as well. Hugs!

Tina Zavislak - April 11 at 11:38 PM