



Marilyn Grace Peters

November 28, 1952 - February 3, 2025

Marilyn Grace Peters, 72, of Clinton Township, MI, took her final bow and joined the heavenly choir on Feb. 3, 2025. Born Nov. 28, 1952, in Saginaw, MI, she made a lifetime of music, laughter, and unwavering love for her family before passing at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital.

Marilyn's voice carried through choirs all over metro Detroit, most recently as a member of St. Blase's adult choirs, Revenant and VIP. With St. Blase, she sang at Carnegie Hall in New York City, and with Rackham Choir, she performed alongside the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Whether in a grand concert hall or a humble church pew, she filled every space with harmony and heart.

Professionally, Marilyn was a trailblazer for women in the automotive industry. She was among the first generation of women to attend the General Motors Institute (now Kettering University), where she joined in chartering the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority. She began her career at General Motors, later pivoted to become a CPA, and eventually rounded out her career with a long tenure at FCA. Her boss once joked that if she passed the CPA exam on the first try, he'd pay for the class. She did. He paid.

Marilyn held bachelor's degrees from both General Motors Institute and Saginaw Valley State University. But she'd tell you her proudest title was

"biggest fan." She rarely missed any of her daughter's meets, games, performances, or achievements, and she extended that same unwavering support to grandkids, nieces, nephews, friends, and more. Her desire to be present for those she loved earned her the highest praise from her grandson who said she was "the best Nana who ever Nana'd!"

A devout Catholic, Marilyn found deep comfort in her faith, particularly in the intercession of Mary, mother of God. No matter life's trials she would always say the same prayer, "God's will be done," affirming her faith in God's plan.

Marilyn is survived by her daughter, Trisha Secord (Alicia); brothers, Frank Fulara, Tim Fulara (Connie), Dan Fulara (April), and Mike Fulara (Doreen); three grandchildren, Dylan, Dominic, and Matthew; and a host of nieces, nephews, and their children. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Elizabeth Fulara.

A visitation will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, 2025, at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons in Sterling Heights, with family hour from 2-3 p.m. Please gather at 9 a.m. for a funeral Mass at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025, at St. Blase Parish in Sterling Heights. A luncheon will follow at Century Banquet Center in Sterling Heights until 1 p.m. The family will gather for a private burial Saturday afternoon at St. Mary Cemetery in St. Charles.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Vincent de Paul Detroit (<https://svdpdetroit.org/>) or MCREST (Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team <https://www.mcrest.org/>). Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at WujekCalcaterra.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Instate / Funeral Mass

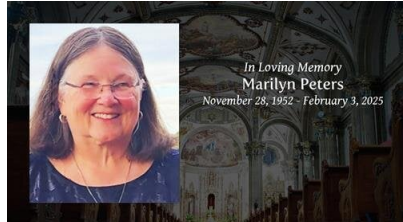
FEB 8. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Blase Church
12151 15 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Tribute Wall



“ *Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Marilyn Grace Peters*



Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. - February 07, 2025 at 09:52 AM



“ *A friendly face and a sweet voice. Heaven's choir gained a great new member!*

Ria - February 07, 2025 at 03:53 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn Grace Peters.*



February 07, 2025 at 01:38 PM

EW

“Marilyn and I have been good friends since college. We had so many shared adventures. I credit her with getting me to “spread my wings”! Because of her, we went sky diving and skiing. No matter how long it was between conversations, it always seemed like no time had passed after we started talking. She was a truly good and beautiful person; both inside and out! She will be sorely missed and memories of her cherished.

Elaine Williams - February 07, 2025 at 11:50 AM

MA

“I had the good fortune to meet Marilyn through the St Blase music ministry. We shared the experience of performing at Carnegie and that is when I learned how beautifully she could sing.

Marilyn was a gentle soul with an impish grin and wonderful sense of humor. I will miss her presence at mass.

My heart goes out to you Trisha and your family as you mourn her loss. May memories of her unwavering faith in God, and love for her family comfort you in the days to come.

Marcey and Chuck

Marcey Apers - February 06, 2025 at 08:02 PM

JH

“Trisha and Family: Condolences. I am so sorry to hear of `Cousin Marilyn`s´ death. I´ve only had a few chances to see & visit with Marilyn over the recent years but consider her to be a lovely Christian person now in the hands of the lord. Judy & Sam Heindel

JUDITH HEINDEL - February 06, 2025 at 05:48 PM

CO

“ I first met Marilyn in the St. Blase Choir, and I still remember the very first time I heard her sing—I was in awe and thought to myself, what a voice! From our little interactions, it was clear that she was not only gifted but also gentle and kind.

Recently, I had the privilege of being paired with her to sing at several Masses, and I was truly looking forward to the experience—both to sing alongside her and to learn from her. Our last conversation was about the songs we were preparing for this February. Little did I know it would be our last.

Though her passing is heartbreaking, I take comfort in knowing she is in a better place. I pray that the good Lord grants her family the strength and fortitude to bear this loss. May her soul rest in perfect peace.

Chinedu Onwuasoanya - February 06, 2025 at 05:06 PM

SJ

“ Thank you for the gift of your daughter. I love her dearly. May she rest in peace and know her legacy is ongoing in her grandchildren.

sj - February 06, 2025 at 04:12 PM

JR

“ Like so many others, I was blessed to have met Marilyn through choir at St. Blase. I will forever miss hearing her beautiful voice. Beyond that, I was so very lucky to call her a friend. She would always ask about my girls and just sat and listened to me so many times when things were rough. And she always made sure to know that we were in her prayers and for that, I will be forever grateful. My girls also came to know and love her so much. Chloe loved when she helped in her catechism class last year. Marilyn always made it a point to tell her what a great job she was doing and that meant so much to Chloe. And the highlight of the Christmas concert for Riley this year was getting to sing the first three songs right next to "Mrs. Marilyn." We are completely heartbroken and are sending all of our love and prayers to your family. - Jen, Chloe and Riley Reaume

Jen Reaum - February 06, 2025 at 03:38 PM

VW

“ I sang with Marilyn at St. Blase. She was such a special woman. Always encouraging and kind. She gave me so much hope when I had very little left. She was kind, generous and loving. Her voice gave so much joy to so many people. I will miss her terribly. But I am so grateful for the time I got to spend with her and share our love for God and music.

Vita Wagner

Vita Wagner - February 06, 2025 at 03:36 PM

EW

“ Elaine W. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marilyn Grace Peters.



Elaine W. - February 06, 2025 at 01:08 PM

BT

“ I was blessed to know Marilyn through the choirs at St. Blase. We often sat together, and even roomed together on our adventure at Carnegie Hall. We shared so many joyful moments, chatting and singing together. I was in awe of her gorgeous, rich voice, and her huge heart. Marilyn had an incredibly generous nature. Her kindness was unmatched. She was an inspiration to all of us. Marilyn will be so deeply missed.

Barb Tess - February 06, 2025 at 12:44 PM

LH

“ Marilyn was my supervisor at FCA and I always thought she was being extremely hard on me and couldn't figure out why. Years later walking down the hall I ran into her and spoke. She spoke back and then said to me "do you get it now?" I completely understood and replied "yes I do". She is one of the reasons I remained many times when I wanted to give up. She was a positive role model and has been missed. To the family I am very sorry for your loss!

Lakisha Hernandez - February 06, 2025 at 12:21 PM

AB

“ I sang with Marilyn at St. Blase and got to know her a little bit. We both understood that a pair of gold sandals is a wardrobe essential!!! She graced us with a phenomenal singing voice and a passion for music. Over the course of many conversations with her about singing and performance, I was struck by her humility. She never failed to turn the focus away from her own ability and onto the growth and spirit demonstrated by others.

Beyond that, she possessed a very rare quality that I would describe as congruence and authenticity. It was like an aura of peaceful confidence in who she was, which allowed her to be truly present to others in a deep way, seeing into who they were and offering them a sense of comfort and security. More than once I sought out Marilyn to talk to because I always felt better about myself and about life after speaking with her. What a tremendous gift to be able to offer others just by being who she was!! What more could any of us aspire to than to be able to BE for others in that way?

I am going to miss Marilyn a lot. I hope to carry some of her spirit with me. I like to think maybe she'll be hanging around church as a sort of guardian angel to all of us!!

Anne Marie Bedard - February 06, 2025 at 12:11 PM

RP

“ Trisha, Steve and I are so very sorry for you and your family's loss. Marilyn was the sweetest, most kind, and gentle woman. I loved singing next to her in the St. Blase choirs and she will be greatly missed. Heaven just gained another angel for their heavenly choir. What a beautiful soul! We loved her dearly. Ruth and Steve Petrunak

Ruth Petrunak - February 06, 2025 at 12:10 PM