



## Barbara J. Zolnierczak

June 10, 1942 - March 2, 2026

Barbara J. Zolnierczak, age 83, passed away on March 2nd of 2026; preceded in death by her loving parents Edward and Merle Zolnierczak; cherished sister to the late Jerome Zakrzewski, David Zakrzewski, Barbara Zavela, the late Douglas (Annette) Zakrzewski and Myra (Jonathan) Stephens; treasured aunt to Dawn (Anthony) DiBenedetto, Katy (Kevin) Rucker, Courteney Anderson and Jeremy Anderson; beloved cousin to Eugene Church; great-aunt to Nicholos (Sarah) DiBenedetto, Ilana Rucker and Noa Rucker; great-great aunt to Robert DiBenedetto; dear friend to Gini Shaw.

Barbara took great pride in being an active and devoted member of her sorority Alpha Omicron Pi. The friendships she formed and bonds of sisterhood she cherished remained a meaningful part of her life throughout the years.

Never a child who was ignored.  
Never a charity she didn't support.  
Never a friend she refused to help.  
Never a disaster that would break her faith.  
Never a cookie she could pass up.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

17100 Van Dyke (at 6 Mile Road)  
Detroit, MI 48234

# Previous Events

## Instate

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

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Church  
35955 Ryan Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48310

## Funeral Mass

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

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35955 Ryan Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48310

*Immediately following the funeral services there will be a luncheon in Barb's memory. She will be laid to rest at Mt. Olivet Cemetery that following afternoon.*

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ *Diane Chastain purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Barbara J. Zolnierczak.*



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**Diane Chastain** - March 08 at 08:10 PM

LM

“ *Leslie Katz and Linda Munro purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Barbara J. Zolnierczak.*



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**Leslie Katz and Linda Munro** - March 08 at 07:11 PM

GS

“ *Barb was a sorority sister and very good friend. We shared much: conversations, rides, meals, fun, laughter and tears. Through all her health issues, she always had a positive attitude and an unwavering faith in God. She would notice the smallest detail about anything and find something to compliment on. She loved her family and never forgot a birthday, Christmas or a reason to send a gift . She was a beautiful soul, both in and out. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.*



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**Gini Shaw** - March 05 at 08:41 PM

TF

“ *The Teeple family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Barbara J. Zolnierczak.*



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**The Teeple family** - March 05 at 02:53 PM

MJ

“ *Micki and Jonathan purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Barbara J. Zolnierczak.*



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**Micki and Jonathan** - March 05 at 01:30 PM

MJ

“ *Micki and Jonathan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara J. Zolnierczak.*

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**Micki and Jonathan** - March 05 at 01:30 PM

DK

“ *Kudos to the writer of BJ's obit. I loved the bit about cookies. She did have a sweet tooth. The world has lost a kind and generous soul.*



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**Deborah Koscielski** - March 05 at 12:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara J. Zolnierczak.

March 04 at 02:01 PM



“ Barb will be greatly missed. Always loved her gentle smile and soft voice. Rest in peace Barb

Deacon Ed McLeod - March 04 at 12:56 PM



“ I will always remember Barbara for her pleasant ways and smile. She was a true friend.



Barbara Wojtas - March 04 at 12:28 PM