



## Candace Ann Hlivka

August 3, 1949 - November 11, 2025

Candace “Candy” Hlivka, 76, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 11th, 2025 lovingly surrounded by her family.

Candy Wasemiller was born on August 3, 1949 in Coalinga, California. Candy, along with her father Emil, mother Marie, and little brother Ricky, ultimately settled in Michigan. Shortly after college, Candy met the love of her life, Tom Hlivka, and the two of them started their family in Sterling Heights.

Candy was a passionate Social Worker at Big Brothers Big Sisters, and later for Oakland County’s Waterford Youth Assistance, where she dedicated her career to empower youth in her community. She also found joy in her creative endeavors. Her beautiful gardens, delicious jams, and incomparable gift-giving were a testament to her skilled thoughtfulness.

Candy is survived by her loving husband Tom; her children Christopher (Michelle), Daniel (Emmaclare), and the lights of her life: her grandchildren John and Hailey.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to Waterford Youth Assistance, that supports the community Candy passionately served for over 40 years.

Link for donation: <https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1849614>



# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 15. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights  
3801 18 Mile Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48314  
(586) 997-3838

## Funeral Service

NOV 15. 5:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Peter W. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Candace Ann Hlivka.



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**Peter W.** - November 16, 2025 at 05:23 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Candace Ann Hlivka.



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November 15, 2025 at 07:58 AM



“ Ellen and Elsa Foord planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Candace Ann Hlivka.

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**Ellen and Elsa Foord** - November 15, 2025 at 07:58 AM

PS

“ Candy served hundreds of youth, families and community members during her career with Oakland County Youth Assistance. However, as a co-worker I was mentored and nurtured by her warmth, her humor, and her fun loving, but no-nonsense spirit! Her smile lit up a room, and I learned much from her about how to live, laugh, and be professional. Thankfully, the things she left with us when she retired have never been forgotten. Our deepest condolences to her loved ones. Wishing you all comfort, love and laughter too as you both grieve and celebrate all that Candy gave in this life! Pam Strzalkowski

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**Pam Strzalkowski** - November 14, 2025 at 11:43 AM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Candace Ann Hlivka.



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November 14, 2025 at 09:59 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Candace Ann Hlivka.



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November 13, 2025 at 08:39 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Candace Ann Hlivka.*



November 13, 2025 at 02:39 PM



“ *Kara Shear & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Candace Ann Hlivka.*



**Kara Shear & Family** - November 13, 2025 at 01:58 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Candace Ann Hlivka.*



November 13, 2025 at 08:32 AM



“ *Karen and Rachel (and our families...) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Candace Ann Hlivka.*

**Karen and Rachel (and our families...)** - November 13, 2025 at 08:32 AM

TS

“ *The Sedlak's purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Candace Ann Hlivka.*



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**The Sedlak's** - November 13, 2025 at 08:00 AM

TF

“ *The Macchi Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Candace Ann Hlivka.*



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**The Macchi Family** - November 13, 2025 at 07:58 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Candace Ann Hlivka.*



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November 13, 2025 at 07:55 AM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Candace Ann Hlivka.*



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November 12, 2025 at 09:59 PM

LB

“ Love, Nick & Linsey Battle purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Candace Ann Hlivka.



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**Love, Nick & Linsey Battle** - November 12, 2025 at 09:04 PM