



## Catherine Joan Balowski

March 4, 1942 - July 10, 2021

Catherine Joan Balowski, age 79, passed away at her home in Sterling Heights, MI on July 10th, 2021, peacefully amongst family and friends. Catherine Balowski was born in Detroit Michigan on March 4th, 1942, to Alice L. and Victor Z. (Krogulski) Gursinski.

Catherine resided in Sterling Heights, MI since 1974 where she raised 8 children as a single mother. Although this was a full-time job, Catherine was also able to work outside of the home. For over 2 decades she worked within the Warren Consolidated School district providing before and after school care and assisting with the lunch program. Later in life, she would also work retail for Hudson Department store.

Catherine was a dedicated and devout Catholic. From her early years of education from St. Clement in Centerline, MI, where she graduated in 1960, until her end of life, Catherine's priority was her faith. Upon joining St. Rene Goupil Parish in the 1980's, Catherine volunteered in so many parish programs, councils and groups. She assisted in the youth group, summer bible camps, annual picnic and funeral luncheon committees, singles club and was a proud member of the Legion of Mary. Being a part of this parish community blessed her with enduring lifelong friendships, spiritual guidance and a support system she humbly appreciated. Catherine was most proud to have been inducted into the Secular Franciscan Order on September 20th,

2005. Her life of family, faith, church and friendship was her legacy. She enjoyed praying the rosary, her grandchildren, and saying daily prayers. She devoted herself to the teachings of Father Solanus Casey, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, and all the scriptures of the holy roman catholic Bible.

She is survived by her brother, Dennis Gursin, her sister Linda Gursinski, her children Bryan (Nancy) Balowski of Fraser, MI, Donald Balowski (Rose) of East Detroit , MI, Christopher (Tammy) Balowski of Roseville, MI, Victor Balowski (Kim) of Shelby Township, MI, Cathy Balowski (Dave) Madison Hgts, MI, Robert Balowski (Wendy) of Madison Hgts. MI, Patricia (Rebecca) Wood of Fowlerville, MI; daughter in law-Jennifer Balowski of Warren, MI., her grandchildren David (Brianna) Balowski, Paul Balowski, Alex Balowski, Alexis Heinrich, Austin Balowski, Gabriel Balowski, Angel (Austin) Ford, Madison Balowski, Brianna Balowski, Emmersyn Balowski, Allyson Balowski, Arle Balowski, Xavier Wood and Joseph Wood; her great-grandchildren; Hope, Faith, Clay, Jacob, Paul, Wyatt and Natalie, and of course many nieces, nephews, and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Alvin and Don, loving companion Ronald and beloved son Thomas Balowski.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd  
Clinton Township, MI

# Previous Events

## Instate

JUL 15. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

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

## Mass of the Christian Burial

JUL 15. 9:30 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ I’m so sorry to hear of Catherine’s passing. I was her neighbor from 1995 until 2008, and her grandson Gabriel used to play with my kids when they were young. My condolences to the family.

Mike Mullikin - September 17, 2025 at 03:26 PM

TG

“ Aunt Cathy you were always so nice and beautiful lady I was saddened by hearing of your passing. You are missed. God bless to the rest of the family. Sending you my love.

Terri Gursinski - June 06, 2024 at 01:19 AM



“ Catherine Joan Balowski

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ Catherine Joan Balowski

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM

DJ

“ I never remember Aunt Cathy ever getting upset with all the shenanigans the kids & I would get up too in the many visits I had as a kid, I don't know how she did it. The weeks I spent at her house on many hot & humid summers are some of the best memories I have. The annual pig roast parties were an event I dreamed of all year as a kid. Thanksgivings with 2 turkeys & every side known, eating till we burst & taking Aunt Cathy to the big old Gothic churches to get the food blessed were epic. Only she could make spending 5 hours in Meijer fun when I would take her in my car packed with kids as a teenager,

*I'm so glad I got to see her for a visit at my Dad's a few years back, I could tell she was in much pain though and it was sad to see, mercifully now her pain has ended and I'm sure she is sitting next to her beloved Jesus in Heaven. She deserves to be a saint in my book for handling the hard life she was given with such generosity, strength and grace.*

*Knowing you and having these memories are priceless, thank you so much you will be dearly missed.*

*Dennis "Lil' Denny" Choike Jr*

---

**Dennis Choike Jr** - July 15, 2021 at 04:56 PM

&C

*Wow! What can I say after that beautiful memory? I loved Cathy like a sister. She was smart, very strong and endlessly generous I will dearly miss you "Auntie Cathy"*

---

**"Uncle Denny Choike"** - July 16, 2021 at 11:34 AM

BC

“ So sorry to hear about Aunt Cathy. She is at peace now and with the angels. It's never easy to lose a parent. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. With Love Jarek and Beth Choike

---

**Beth and Jarek Choike** - July 13, 2021 at 06:57 PM

TW

“ My Sister Catherine. I don't know what I will do at the Franciscan meetings without your smile there. You were always full of joy and we always had a good laugh. I will miss doing the Liturgy of the Hours with you. You were a wonderful friend and fellow Franciscan. I will miss you dearly..



Theresa W.

---

**Theresa Wilson** - July 13, 2021 at 05:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Catherine Joan Balowski.



---

July 13, 2021 at 03:45 PM

SS

“ So, so sorry to hear of this great lady's passing. She was a good friend who was always there when I needed her. I know for certain she is resting in the arms of angels. Such a sad, sad loss.

---

**Shirley Sills** - July 12, 2021 at 10:02 PM

DF

“ *Dennis Gursin , Linda Gursinski & Families purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Catherine Joan Balowski.*



---

**Dennis Gursin , Linda Gursinski & Families** - July 12, 2021 at 07:04 PM