



## Corine Markaity

June 13, 1932 - December 4, 2024

Corine Margaret (McShane) Markaity, age 92, of Detroit, Michigan passed away in her sleep December 5, 2024.

Corine was born in Detroit, Michigan June 13, 1932 to Norman and Pauline (Pavey) McShane. Corine lived her full life in the Detroit Metropolitan Area.

Corine was a homemaker, avid interior designer, and active in community gardening. She thoroughly enjoyed decorating her homes with the newest interior design trends while always keeping to her own creative vision and concepts. With her wonderful gift for design she would discuss her ideas with her husband and together they would make them come to life. Corine also loved fashion and loved to sew. Her fashion sense was undeniable, and she had exquisite taste in clothing and accessories. Corine always dressed beautifully, styling the outfits she sewed herself. On the evenings when she and her husband attended a concert or special night out, Corine would definitely “Dress to Impress” and always looked absolutely stunning.

As a young woman, Corine attended Holy Redeemer High School in Detroit and graduated in 1949. Since her father was a member of the Pipefitter Union Local 636, Corine was nominated by The Union and won the title of “Miss AFL 1950” in a competitive beauty pageant. After her beauty pageant and modeling years, Corine was hired as an executive assistant for a sales and

distribution group in a spirits company. During those years she enjoyed working in the Penobscot building in downtown Detroit.

A few years later she met her husband, Bernard (Bernie) Markaity on a blind date at Tassie's Tavern in Mount Clemens Michigan. Soon thereafter they married on February 13, 1954 and started a family eventually moving to Warren, Michigan and later, Sterling Heights, Michigan.

Corine was preceded in death by her husband Bernard Markaity in 2018, and is survived by her dear brother William (Dana) McShane, her four sons, Daniel (Nancy) Markaity, Timothy Markaity, Mark (Susan) Markaity, James Markaity, and her daughter Paula Markaity Cicilian. She had four grandchildren, Kelly (Victoria) Markaity, Sean (Lauren) Markaity, Allison (Evan) Benner, and Tara Cicilian, and was also blessed with one great grandchild, Adrianna Markaity. She will be deeply missed by her extended family and her community of dear friends.

The family will receive friends and relatives at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church 9:30am Friday December 13, 2024 for instate visitation followed by a Catholic Mass at 10am. The Church address is 38750 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, Michigan 48310.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate a donation to Meals on Wheels.  
<https://www.macombgov.org/departments/senior-services/donate>

# Previous Events

## Instate

DEC 13. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Jane Frances deChantal Catholic Church  
38750 Ryan Rd  
Sterling Heights, MI

## Mass of the Resurrection

DEC 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Corine and Bernie Markaity were my parents next door neighbors in Warren, MI in the 50s and 60s. They provided me with my first paid employment as their babysitter. I started with 2 boys and quit when Tara was born. Corine was an inspiration to me in terms of learning about style and Grace. She took me under her wing to teach me how to make myself look good and once actually help me win a contest making me look like a Geisha Girl. She was an amazing woman and influenced me tremendously when I was a young girl. I will miss her very much, but I have wonderful memories of those years. Rest in peace you fabulous woman.*

*Cynthia Grapczynski*

Cynthia Grapczynski - December 18, 2024 at 07:55 PM



*Got the wrong name daughter was Paula; Paula's daughter was Tara. That's old age for you. Cynthia*

Cynthia Grapczynski - December 19, 2024 at 02:42 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Corine Markaity.*



December 11, 2024 at 10:16 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Corine Markaity.*

December 11, 2024 at 10:16 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Corine Markaity.



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December 09, 2024 at 08:24 PM



“ To the Markaity kids, I am so sorry that I will not be able to attend the memorial for your Mom, I am not able to get the day off from work. I have some wonderful memories of your Mom I was at the house a lot to see Jimmy and your Mom was always so sweet to me. I have a very fond memory of her that I would like to share. I am a social worker by trade and in the early years, I was doing an internship with Hospice in the AIDS wing at a nursing home. With my patients, we created a panel for the AIDS Memorial Quilt. 9 patients participated and each made a 12"12" square that they personalized. When all the squares were finished, they needed to be sewn together, with a frame around them and a backing to the precise measurements required by the Memorial Quilt organization. I do not know how to sew. I told your mom about it and she offered to put it together for me. It came out beautifully and I presented it when the quilt was on display in Detroit a few months later. One of the best projects that I ever did, and I shared it with your mom.  
Love, Cheryl Lucas xoxo

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**Cheryl Lucas** - December 09, 2024 at 05:29 PM

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*Thank you so much for this kind and compassionate memory Cheryl.  
This is Dan, her oldest son.  
I did not know this story and really appreciate you sharing it. It is  
something my mom would do without any hesitation.  
Warmest regards, Dan  
xoxo*

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**Dan** - December 16, 2024 at 03:39 PM



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

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December 09, 2024 at 05:19 PM