



## Edna Karpinski

March 28, 1936 - May 24, 2026

Edna Mae Karpinski passed away peacefully on May 24, 2026, at Genesis Tender Care, surrounded by her loving family and caring staff. She was born on March 28, 1936, in Detroit, Michigan, to Stephen and Josephine (Gizowski) Mark.

On June 8, 1957, Edna married her best friend, Donald (Don) Zigmundt Karpinski. Together, they shared 68 wonderful years of marriage, building a beautiful life and a lasting legacy.

Edna had a true passion for the outdoors and loved nothing more than a hard day's work in her garden, followed by a cold, well-deserved beer. She found joy in life's simple pleasures: flowers, butterflies, waterfalls, snowmen, white wine, and traditional Polish food. Some of her happiest moments were spent "Up North" at The Property, where she loved playing cards, sitting by a warm fire, and engaging in deep conversations with family and friends.

Believing deeply in the importance of community, Edna actively volunteered for various organizations, including the Girl Scouts, the Warren Beautification Commission, the Warren Planning Commission, and Healthorama.

Edna possessed a rare and special gift—she made you feel like you were the only person in the room. She always showed up, and she was always your

biggest cheerleader. Though known for having cold hands and a warm heart, her compassionate, fierce spirit was infectious and warmed everyone around her.

Edna was the beloved wife of Don; wonderful mother of Karen (Tim), Carol (Craig), Sue (Tom), and Sharon; cherished grandma of Jacqueline (Kristen), Michael (Breanne), Cassondra (Kirk), Kayla (Brandon), Samantha (Sam), Daniel (Kelly), Matthew, and Chelsea; and proud great-grandma of Jack, Sydney, Kelvin, Sammy, Adalynn, Ella, Milli, Sawyer, Kenna, Corben, and Elena. She was also the amazing best friend of Betsy (Tony) Buzzelli, and is survived by many loving extended family members, dear neighbors, friends, and her beloved fur-grandchildren and fur-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her loving parents, Stephen and Josephine Mark; her siblings, Mitchell Mark and Anna Pietroski; her father and mother-in-law, Ziggy and Mary Karpinski; and her son-in-law, Tom Woudstra.

The family extends a heartfelt thank you to the staff at Genesis Tender Care, who truly became family. Your compassionate care, genuine kindness, and support throughout Edna's journey will never be forgotten. In addition, Debbie from Comfort Care Home Care was instrumental in assisting Edna at home, providing a deeply supportive presence for both her and the family.

Edna—our devoted spouse, mom, grandma, and great-grandma—will be forever missed by her family and everyone fortunate enough to have known her. Her impact on our lives will always be remembered.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial donation in her name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital: <https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude-now.html>

The family will greet friends on Friday, June 5th, 2026 from 10:00am-1:00pm

for a visitation at

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Home of Sterling Heights. An open tribute will begin at 12:00pm for those who would like to share a story or memory about Edna.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUN 5. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## Memory Sharing

JUN 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Ron DeGuire lit a candle in memory of Edna Karpinski



Ron DeGuire - June 10 at 04:40 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edna Karpinski.



June 04 at 01:47 PM



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

June 04 at 01:47 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Edna Karpinski.



June 03 at 06:48 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Edna Karpinski.*



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June 03 at 09:57 AM



“ *Diana Woods purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Edna Karpinski.*



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**Diana Woods** - June 02 at 12:23 PM



“ *I will always treasure our (too few) times together. What a joy she was! What a lovely person. God bless you, Edna.*

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**Mark Petrie** - May 30 at 03:45 PM



*I can remember like it was yesterday. I was around 8 or 9 years old. Aunt Mae told my brother ( Bobby ) and I that we would bake cookies after she finishes reading this chapter in her book. She also said that I could brush her long hair. Long story short we never baked the cookies because she would go from one chapter to the next and the next and the next. By then her mother and my mother would come home from shopping and we couldn't bake the cookies then. Aunt Mae loved her books. She was like a sister to me. I will treasure all the great memories of all the great trips that Jim and I took with Don and Edna She will live on in a more peaceful life. R.I.P. my sister.*

*Rosemary Allamon*

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**Rosemary Allamon** - May 31 at 09:31 PM

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*My cousin Edna will always be held dear in my heart as the loving and warm person she always was to all!*

*She and Don raised four incredible daughters in a home filled with laughter and good old fashioned values along with their love and support through all the stages of the girls' lives.. Edna's daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren are truly her legacy!*

*I've always remarked at what a wonderful, long and loving marriage Edna and Don had and how he unselfishly cared for her to the very end!*

*Love to the entire family and my most sincere condolences! Nancy Foley*

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**Nancy Foley** - May 31 at 10:08 PM



*She was my Mom away from Mom. Always giggled at my silly comments. Always kind and supportive. Loved playing Volleyball/Walleyball with Don and Edna and camping in Kalkaska! Of all my friends Mom's she was by far my favorite. What a wonderful person. Our deepest condolences to all the family members.*

*Dave and Terry Barwin*

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**Terry Barwin** - June 01 at 05:20 PM

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*Edna so many memories in the woods. Seeing you there by the campfire, you will always be there with your warm hugs and smiles. Will also cherish the stories of how much trouble you and my mom got into in high school! Love Cindy and Jake Anderson*

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**Cindy Anderson** - June 04 at 02:01 PM