



## Eileen A. Wesley

January 5, 1930 - September 13, 2021

Eileen A. Wesley was born on January 5th, 1930 in Pontiac, Michigan. Graduating with her nursing degree from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in 1951, she wedded Thomas Wesley later that year and enjoyed almost 70 years of marriage resulting in 9 children, 20 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren. She was a loving mother to Thomas Wesley, Mary Light, Eileen Wesley (Sandra Graca), Michael Wesley (Paula), Maureen Augustyniak (Alan), Martha Clarke, Janice Grasl (Steve), James Wesley (Linda), and John Wesley. Beloved grandmother to Benjamin Light, James Light, Michael Light, Tina Wesley, John Wesley, Cathy Wesley, Dawn Wesley, Emily Augustyniak, Adam Augustyniak, Sarah Augustyniak, Rachel Mashburn, Jack Clarke, Andrea Wright, Natalie Clarke, Catherine Clarke, Leah Grasl, Stephanie Anderson, Trenton Wesley, Cole Wesley, and Reid Wesley. Caring great grandmother to Jude, Wesley, Joseph, Evelyn, Oliver, and John Light, Brian and Jack Wesley, and Saili Mashburn. Eileen is preceded in death by her siblings Robert Reardon, Colleen Reardon, and Richard Reardon (Theresa Wesley).

Caring for her large family brought her much joy and fulfillment from attending countless recitals, school sporting events, plays, programs, and graduations to encouraging and praying for them.

Along with her church, family, and friends, Eileen devoted her time to many hobbies, mostly those involving her hands such as sewing, crocheting,

quilting, playing the piano, making chocolate candies, and decorating cakes. She never pumped gas with those hands though. Riding her bike, reading, hanging out with her Red Hat Society and quilting circle friends, and dancing; especially ballroom and square dancing were her favorite pastimes.

In the summer, she attended church festivals weekly with her husband Tom, brother Dick, and sister-in-law Terri, as well as other friends, enjoying a break from cooking while dancing until her feet hurt. One might not have guessed she didn't enjoy cooking because she prepared delicious meals and even volunteered as a children's camp cook and church cook.

Christian service was at the heart of her volunteerism, which included co-leading a Girl Scout troop, sewing for the nuns, and serving as a parish nurse at St. Basil Church in Eastpointe. Later while a parishioner at St. Jane Frances De Chantal Church in Sterling Heights, Eileen sewed for donation projects and traveled on a short-term mission trip with her husband. After two daughters became flight attendants, travel and adventure were more attainable for Eileen and she eagerly flew all over the world. Whether cruising to Alaska or Norway, rafting in the Tetons, dining in Paris, or gazing at the Great Wall of China, she welcomed exciting, new experiences.

Eventually, when her health failed and she became unable to leave home or use her hands well, she took pleasure in watching a steady stream of old movies and Forensic Files on TV, while eating frozen custard or other favorite treats. Living to 91 meant most of her friends and family had passed, and she looked forward to the day of being reunited.

She will be greatly missed but has left an enduring legacy to her loving family.

"Mothers hold their children's hand for a while but their hearts forever"

Our mother was an angel on earth and is now one in Heaven.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Feeding America.  
(<https://www.feedingamerica.org/>)

# Previous Events

## Instate

SEP 18. 9:30 AM (ET)

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

## Mass of the Christian Burial

SEP 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Eileen A. Wesley*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Eileen A. Wesley*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *Heaven has gained such a beautiful angel with Aunt Eileen. She always had a smile on her face and a huge hug when we would see each other. Aunt Eileen, Uncle Tom, Uncle Dick and Aunt Terri were always the first ones on the dance floor at any wedding and they sure were a site to watch. You will be greatly missed and always loved dearly. Please say hi to dad & baby Chris for me and give them both a great big kiss and hug. My thoughts and prayers go out to the whole family.*

*With all my love,  
Diane Gabelmann Reetz*

**Diane Gabelmann Reetz** - September 17, 2021 at 10:23 PM



*Thank you so much for sharing your memories and kind words Diane*



**Eileen Wesley** - September 23, 2021 at 08:15 AM



“ *Aunt Eileen was a wonderful woman who loved her family and friends as they loved her in return; she will be forever remembered by them in all of the things she's instilled in us.*

**Stephanie Nave** - September 17, 2021 at 05:19 PM

EW

*Thank you Stephanie ❤️.*

**Eileen Wesley** - September 23, 2021 at 08:14 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Eileen A. Wesley.*



September 17, 2021 at 03:21 AM

JH

“ *Eileen was a good friend. She was kind and gentle and loved Tom. We became friends on a mission trip to Pennsylvania. We then joined the Red Hat Ladies and later went out to lunch every other month with 4 other ladies. I will miss you Eileen. Say a good word for me in Heaven.*

**Julie Helton** - September 16, 2021 at 10:52 PM

EW

*Julie, can you send me your phone number? Thanks! Eileen the daughter. 269-806-8626.*

**Eileen Wesley** - September 23, 2021 at 08:12 AM

EW

*Thank you Julie for sharing your memories and kind word, my mom had a lot of fun with you!!! Thank you also for the delicious cherry pie! Very thoughtful. ❤️*

**Eileen Wesley** - September 23, 2021 at 08:17 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eileen A. Wesley.*



September 16, 2021 at 02:15 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eileen A. Wesley.*



September 16, 2021 at 10:33 AM



“ *Lori & Ken Augustyniak purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Eileen A. Wesley.*



**Lori & Ken Augustyniak** - September 15, 2021 at 11:17 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Eileen A. Wesley.*



September 15, 2021 at 06:36 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eileen A. Wesley.*



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September 15, 2021 at 06:29 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Eileen A. Wesley.*



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September 15, 2021 at 06:11 PM



“ *I am good friends with Maureen, Eileen's daughter so I've seen Mrs. Wesley at many celebrations and events. She always had a smile and ready to chat even though she didn't know me very well. Her kind demeanor and friendly personality was an inspiration to us all. I know I've thought many times to myself, I hope I'm that sharp when I'm her age. She was a treasure!*

*I know her family won't be the same without her. May they all take comfort in knowing she rests in the loving arms of our Savior Jesus Christ.*

*Dawn Bruderick*

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**Dawn Bruderick** - September 15, 2021 at 05:56 PM

EW

*Thank you Dawn for your kindness and loving words, yes our mother was a treasure. ❤️*

**Eileen Wesley** - September 20, 2021 at 11:10 AM

DT

*“ To a wonderful lady may you rest in peace.  
Love forever Teresa and Don*



**Don and Teresa** - September 15, 2021 at 05:55 PM

EW

*Don, thank you so much!!! My mom really enjoyed you also!! Fun times ❤️*

**Eileen Wesley** - September 20, 2021 at 11:12 AM

MS

*“ Mary Jane Smith purchased the The Great Cookie Crate Combo for the family of Eileen A. Wesley.*



**Mary Jane Smith** - September 15, 2021 at 12:13 PM



*“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eileen A. Wesley.*



September 15, 2021 at 11:50 AM

BB

“ *Barry Sizemore and Andrew Behnke purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Eileen A. Wesley.*



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**Barry Sizemore and Andrew Behnke** - September 15, 2021 at 11:28 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eileen A. Wesley.*



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September 15, 2021 at 10:38 AM



“ *The Great Cookie Crate Combo was purchased for the family of Eileen A. Wesley.*



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September 15, 2021 at 07:38 AM

JP

“ Aunt Eileen was one of my favorites, always had her arms outstretched for a big hug and kiss on the cheek when she saw me. I was blessed to have visited her in August with my sister Annette, hold her hand, and give her one last kiss on her cheek. Rest in peace, Aunt Eileen - give my folks a hug for me!  
My deepest condolences to Uncle Tom, all my cousins, and the entire family.  
Love from Judy and Andy.

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**Judy Peddle** - September 14, 2021 at 05:28 PM