



## Kathleen Anne Blacker

February 25, 1956 - August 4, 2025

Kathleen Anne Blacker, age 69, passed away on August 4, 2025. Kathleen was the loving, devoted wife to David J. Blacker for 41 loving years; she was a proud and loving mother of 3; Jennifer, Matthew and Adam; grateful for a wonderful son-in-law Dave and marvelous daughter-in-law Vera; and a proud cherished "Nana" to Olivia and Luke.

Family and Faith were important values woven into all aspects of Kathi's life and living. She took great pride in nurturing her children to be life-long learners, even for matters of Faith. She enjoyed reading, gardening, vacations, projecting of all kinds and all holidays and special occasions with family. She endured highs and lows with positivity, patience and perseverance.

The family will greet friends on Friday, August 8th from 3:00pm until 8:00pm at Mandziuk & Son Funeral Home of Sterling Heights. Instate Saturday, August 9th at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church from 9:30am until the time of mass at 10:00am. Fond memories and online condolences may be offered to the family on Kathi's tribute wall.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to one of the following organizations in Kathi's memory:

ALS of Michigan

<https://www.als.org/>

Autism Society of Michigan

<https://autism-mi.org/>

Michigan Butterfly Habitats

<https://michiganbutterflyhabitats.org/>

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd  
Clinton Township, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 8. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Instate

AUG 9. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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

## Funeral Mass

AUG 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

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



# Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kathleen Anne Blacker.*



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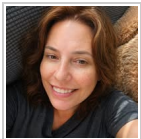
August 06, 2025 at 06:58 PM



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

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August 06, 2025 at 06:58 PM



“ *To the Blacker family: I am so sorry for your loss. My son, Jacob, had Kathi when he was in the ECSE program at Warren Consolidated Schools. She was instrumental in advocating for him to be placed appropriately in center-based autistic programming. Because of her, Jacob is now thriving in the MISD AI secondary program. He is an active communicator using his AAC device and enjoys attending school. He will be going into 11th grade at Flynn Educational Center next year. Our lives are infinitely better because Kathi was in Jacob's life.*

*May she rest in peace, and may the love of God provide your family comfort during this difficult time.*

*God bless,  
Rebecca Smith-Darner*

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**Rebecca Smith-Darner** - August 06, 2025 at 01:03 PM

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“ To the Blacker family,  
I'm so sorry to hear of this news. I was Kathy's paraprofessional in the autistic room at the Huron Learning Center, she was a HARD worker and educator. Kathy loved the students with unending love and respect. Whispers of improvement although sometimes infrequent were recognized with celebration and excitement. I will always remember her endless heart of learning she gave to her students. May you feel God's peace surround you and the love of family and friends help you to navigate. Praying for your family.

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Michelle Nguyen (Wisneski) - August 05, 2025 at 09:39 PM



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August 05, 2025 at 10:47 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Kathleen Anne Blacker.



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August 05, 2025 at 10:47 AM

AD

“Kathi is one of the people that once you meet her, she impacts your life. Everyone that I talked to about Kathi has such wonderful stories of her and love for her. Kathi lived being the kind, compassionate, smart educator she was. She gracefully listened and taught anyone she could. Even when I was no longer in Kathi's classroom, she taught me things and supported me in reaching my dreams. Kathi was a trailblazer and I am honored and blessed to have had Kathi in my life.



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**Amanda DeMerle** - August 05, 2025 at 07:58 AM

JB

*Dave and family, our condolences on your great loss of a beautiful life gone to soon. God Bless. Keith and Janet Brown*

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**Janet Brown** - August 05, 2025 at 11:13 AM

JC

“Dave, Jennifer, Matthew & Adam - we are so, so sorry to hear of Kathi's passing. We were so blessed to have you as neighbors and friends. Our girls often talk about “the Blackers” and how much fun they had growing up together and all the great memories made.💕💕  
The HISD lost their greatest asset when you guys moved. How lucky they were to get her “down in the city”.  
You all will be kept in our prayers. May God wrap his loving arms around you and comfort you.  
Jeff & Cindy Carson

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**Jeff & Cindy Carson** - August 04, 2025 at 10:55 PM

LA

“ Love, Nan & Kevin Anderson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kathleen Anne Blacker.



Love, Nan & Kevin Anderson - August 04, 2025 at 09:12 PM

DD

“ I have known Kathy mostly through our book club. She continued to teach, reminding us to do our research and learn from each other. Her sweet and kind nature was a gift to all of us. Sending prayers of peace and comfort to her family and friends. Diane Donoghue

Diane Donoghue - August 04, 2025 at 08:09 PM

LE

“ Love Billy, Abby, and Clair Ellis purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Kathleen Anne Blacker.



Love Billy, Abby, and Clair Ellis - August 04, 2025 at 08:04 PM

CP

“ To the Blacker Family,

So sorry to hear the passing of Kathy. She will never be forgotten and she will always be in our hearts forever. We had good times with the band family back then. Rest in peace Kathy.

The Petrimoulx Family



Cheri Petrimoulx - August 04, 2025 at 07:19 PM

MP

“ My girls and I spent many hours during bowling and during band events enjoying Kathi’s humor, wisdom, and kindness. I loved swapping teacher stories with her. We owed Kathi and David so much for their kindness and support when we lost our David. What true friends! ❤️. We now offer our support and many prayers for the repose of Kathi’s soul and for the strength for her family. We will add her and her family to our prayer lists, especially when we say our daily rosary. May her soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. 🙏. Mary Beth Pardington and the girls

Mary Beth Pardington - August 04, 2025 at 07:11 PM



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

August 04, 2025 at 06:37 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Kathleen Anne Blacker.



August 04, 2025 at 06:37 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen Anne Blacker.



August 04, 2025 at 06:28 PM

JL

“ I met Kathi at our Thursday Night Book Club. 14 of us gathered together regularly over Zoom to share news, travels,laughter and friendship. I only had the privilege of meeting Kathi in person over lunch once but I felt like I knew her “forever”. Kathi was just that special.  
She will be deeply missed. 💔

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**Jean Lakin** - August 04, 2025 at 05:29 PM

KP

“ Kim Sabo and Ryan Pickens planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Anne Blacker.

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**Kim Sabo and Ryan Pickens** - August 04, 2025 at 05:27 PM

KP

“ Kim Sabo and Ryan Pickens purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Kathleen Anne Blacker.



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**Kim Sabo and Ryan Pickens** - August 04, 2025 at 05:27 PM

CK

“ I had the distinct pleasure of being in a book club with Kathi. Her insight during our discussions and her quest for knowledge were inspiring to me. I am blessed by our brief friendship and I am holding her family in my thoughts and prayers.

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**connie kurtz** - August 04, 2025 at 05:11 PM

TF

“ *The Clutter Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Kathleen Anne Blacker.*



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**The Clutter Family** - August 04, 2025 at 05:05 PM



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

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August 04, 2025 at 04:47 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kathleen Anne Blacker.*



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August 04, 2025 at 04:47 PM

SO

“ *Sophie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Anne Blacker.*

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**Sophie** - August 04, 2025 at 04:45 PM

SO

“ *Sophie purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kathleen Anne Blacker.*



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**Sophie** - August 04, 2025 at 04:45 PM