



## Lydia Higgins

December 27, 1956 - June 7, 2024

Lydia Zarichney Higgins, 67, passed away June 7, 2024.

Born in Detroit December 27, 1956, to the late Walentyna and Fedor Zarichney, and preceded in death by her brother Walentyn (Wally) Zarichney. In her younger years, Lydia excelled as a folk dancer in the former “Echoes of Ukraine” dance troupe. In 1992, Lydia married the love of her life, Peter Higgins and dedicated her life to him and their son, James Danylo. Lydia had many talents, most notably the gift of time as Popcorn/Lunch room Mom, Marching band Mom who had the ability to feed eight (8) high school marching bands with 4 fish and a loaf of bread. Her gift of time seemed endless as an avid gardener, cake maker extraordinaire and loving caregiver. She honored her Ukrainian Heritage as an active member of the Sisterhood of St. Olga and as a choir member of her beloved church, St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral.

Lydia is survived by her devoted husband Peter and wonderful son James Danylo, her dear sister in law, Chris Zarichney, her legion of family members of the Higgins “Clan”, her niece Rose (Hott) and nephew Thomas Zarichney. Lydia will also be missed by her countless number of friends.

Visitation will be held on Sunday 1:00-8:00pm with 5 pm prayers (Panachyda) at Mandziuk Funeral Home 3801 Eighteen 18 Mile Rd, Sterling Hts, MI.  
Funeral (Pokhoron) on Monday in state 10:00 until 11:00 am, at St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral 21931 Evergreen Rd., Southfield, MI. Burial at Woodlawn Cemetery

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Cemetery

Woodward South of 8 Mile Road  
Detroit, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 9. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Instate

JUN 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral  
21931 Evergreen Rd  
Southfield, MI 48075  
(248) 471-1755

## Funeral Mass

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JUN **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

TB

“ I was so saddened to hear of the loss of Lydia. I worked along side of her for years and considered her a good friend. She was missed when she left to be a full time mom. I just got this news through the Crittenton retiree peeps. My condolences to Pete and James. Tracey Bird



tracey Bird - June 18, 2024 at 12:08 PM

JW

I'm so sad. She was a sweet lovely person.

Julie Witherspoon - June 18, 2024 at 08:17 PM

MS

“ Pete the graciousness of offering the social hall at St. Mary Protectress Church for our wedding reception is not forgotten. Some twenty years ago. Lydia was a beautiful friend as well. I attended the Sunday Mass this morning at St. Mary's in Southfield this morning in Lydia's honor. God's blessing.

Mark A. Sleboda

Mark A Sleboda - June 09, 2024 at 12:59 PM

ST

“ Starr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lydia Higgins.

Starr - June 08, 2024 at 10:07 PM

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“ *Starr purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Lydia Higgins.*



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**Starr** - June 08, 2024 at 10:07 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Lydia Higgins.*



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June 08, 2024 at 06:25 PM