



## Marilyn Blum

October 9, 1937 - March 14, 2026

Marilyn Ellen Haines-Blum, beloved wife of the late Max Anthony Blum, peacefully passed away on March 14, 2026.

Marilyn and Max were both proud graduates of Flint Technical High School, Class of 1955—Go

Eagles! Beginning at the age of 14, Marilyn enjoyed helping in her father's hardware store,

where she learned the value of hard work and caring for others. Shortly after graduating, she and

Max married and began building a beautiful life together, raising four children.

Marilyn devoted many years to being a loving stay-at-home mother, pouring her heart into her

family and community. She generously volunteered her time in multiple roles with the Girl

Scouts, church groups, Parks and Recreation programs, and many other activities that enriched

the lives of those around her.

With determination and a lifelong love of learning, Marilyn earned her bachelor's degree at the

age of 50. She then began a successful second chapter of her career as a designer with Ford

Motor Company and General Motors, where she worked until her retirement in

1996.

In retirement, Marilyn embraced life with joy, gratitude, a sense of adventure, and a quick wit.

She enjoyed golfing, tending her garden, participating in church activities, traveling, and — most

of all — cherishing time with her growing family. She was blessed with 13 grandchildren (and

their spouses) and 12 great-grandchildren, each of whom brought her immense pride and

happiness.

Above all, Marilyn's deepest love and guiding light throughout her life was her faith in Jesus,

which she shared through kindness, service, and unwavering devotion.

Instead of flowers, donations in Marilyn's memory may be made to Right to Life of Michigan.

Marilyn has now gone home to be with the Lord, whom she loved so deeply.

Though she will be

greatly missed, the love she shared, the faith she lived by, and the kindness (with a touch of

spice) she showed to others will continue to shine through her children, grandchildren, great-

grandchildren, and all whose lives she touched.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Finally, there is laid

up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on

that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing."

— II Timothy 4:7–8

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 20. 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

MAR 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

Community Christian Church  
42400 Ryan Road  
Sterling Heights, MI

## Funeral Service

MAR 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Community Christian Church  
42400 Ryan Road  
Sterling Heights, MI

# Tribute Wall

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“Cousin Marilyn and I shared a love for sports and that was a real connection for us in addition to our faith. She introduced me to golf at the former Sunnybrook Golf Course in Sterling Heights. Well, I got hooked to the game and still play today. We also played volleyball together for a while. Even though we both loved to skate, we never had the opportunity to do that together but we swapped stories about our adventures. One of hers was skating down Dort hill in Flint, if I remember correctly. My mother, Lorena Smith-Spraggs had also told me that she had done the same. I just shook my head and said, "That is crazy!"

Well, Marilyn, I am sure heaven is all that you had hoped for. Perhaps you can organize sporting events for the residents. When I get there, I want to be on your team.

Love,

Judy Spraggs-Smouter

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**Judith Smouter** - March 23 at 05:38 PM



“Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Marilyn Blum.



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March 20 at 11:36 AM



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

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“ Ron & Renee Wainscott purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marilyn Blum.



Ron & Renee Wainscott - March 19 at 09:03 AM



“ Andre Jones purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marilyn Blum.



Andre Jones - March 18 at 04:07 PM



“ Teri R. purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Marilyn Blum.



Teri R. - March 17 at 09:19 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.  
Kerry & Teri Reedy

Teri & Kerry - March 17 at 09:04 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Marilyn Blum.*



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March 17 at 05:16 PM



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

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March 17 at 05:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marilyn Blum.*



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March 17 at 11:10 AM