



## Catherine Marie Beach

August 29, 1928 - December 28, 2025

Catherine Marie Beach, age 97 of Saline, Michigan, peacefully passed into the arms of God at her home of 75 years on Sunday, December 28, 2025. Her daughter, April, and granddaughter, November, were near her side. Catherine was born August 29, 1928 in Dundee, Michigan to the late Alred J. Sliker and Esther M. (Neuroth) Sliker. She married the late Hubert L. Beach on January 9, 1948. Preceded in death by her four siblings, Howard Sliker, Ella May Sliker, Alma (Bruce) Loar, and Margaret (John) Marion; her first daughter, Mari Auxier. She is survived by two children, Alexander (Sharon Annette) Beach and April (Adriaan) Pronk; seven grandchildren, November (Steve) Freece, Antares (Tanja) Pronk, Jonathan Beach, Orion (Secil Ozdemir) Pronk, Jennifer (Eric) Cueller, Kristen (Scott) McGuire, and Kenneth (Carolina) Beach. She is also survived by thirteen great-grandchildren, ten nieces and nephews, son-in-law Allen Auxier, and sister-in-law Sandra Sliker, all of whom she loved dearly.

Catherine enjoyed her life to the fullest. Friends knew her as Katie. Great-grandchildren called her Gigi. All three of her children were born within 21.5 months. She worked part-time at Saline Hotel/Leutheuser's Restaurant for over 35 years and was the State of Michigan's "Waitress of the Year" in 1968. With determination, she became the first female school bus driver in Saline. An avid bowler for over 30 years, she once scored a perfect 300. Catherine loved music and was able to simultaneously play her organ and piano, angled

at 90 degrees to each other. She sang in the choir for 50 years at the First Presbyterian Church of Saline where she was a member, and she volunteered there to oversee the music library for many years. Favorite interests included playing bridge for over 50 years and having breakfast weekly with her long-time friends. Another favorite pastime was tending to her garden; she especially treasured roses. A highlight was being Hubert's wife while he was mayor and a councilman of Saline for over a decade. Most of all, she loved dancing to big-band music while cheek to cheek with her husband of 56 years whenever possible. She opened her doors freely to all her friends, and especially to all her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and extended family. One of her favorite sayings was, "Whatever will be, will be, by Doris Day." Upon the question, "How are you?", her response was a version of "Well, I woke up and I was alive, so I got up." Then she'd laugh. Catherine is remembered for her beautiful and positive spirit, full of generosity and thankfulness. One of her greatest gifts was to encourage others.

Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Friday, January 2, 2026 from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Robison-BahnMiller Funeral Home in Saline. Funeral Services will take place on Saturday, January 3rd at 10:00 A.M. at the First Presbyterian Church of Saline with Rev. Kimberly Secrist-Ashby officiating. Following the service, burial will be held in the Toledo Memorial Park Cemetery in Sylvania, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Catherine's name may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Saline, with her name written on the memo line. Donations will go toward the Church's music program at Catherine's request. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and the Church. The service will be livestreamed and can be viewed by visiting [www.salinepres.org](http://www.salinepres.org) To leave a memory you have of Catherine, to sign her online guestbook or for directions please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Toledo Memorial Park Cemetery

6382 Monroe Street  
Sylvania, OH 43560  
<https://toledomemorialpark.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 2.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
301 E Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176  
(734) 429-9760  
[rbfhsaline@hotmail.com](mailto:rbfhsaline@hotmail.com)  
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

## Funeral Service

**JAN 3.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Saline  
143 E. Michigan Avenue  
Saline, MI 48176  
<http://salinepres.org/>

## Graveside Service

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JAN 3. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Toledo Memorial Park Cemetery  
6382 Monroe Street  
Sylvania, OH 43560  
<https://toledomemorialpark.com/>

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ Sorry for your loss may the blessing of heaven be with the family  
Mark Denise Burkhart

Mark Burkhart - January 02 at 04:34 PM

BL

“ Loved seeing her in Saline with her Friends. Glad she had a wonderful loving life. Wished I could have seen Antaris (spelling) and Orion. Worked at R & B with them. Glad they are doing well! Blessings to all the Family. Rest in Perfect Peace ❤️🙏

Babs Schmid Losee - January 02 at 04:30 PM

FP

“ Dear family,  
Our condolences for the great loss of Catharine. We were privileged to experience such a strong, warm, and hospitable woman with our youngest daughter Charlotte when we were in America in 1983. Forever in our thoughts. We wish you much strength for now and in the future. Lots of love, Flip and Marga xxx Verbrugge-Pronk ñíº



Flip en Marga Verbrugge - Pronk - December 31, 2025 at 01:00 PM

CB

“ Such a lovely and kind lady. No one in the world had a better smile and twinkle in the eye than Katie.

carter III bishop - December 30, 2025 at 09:38 AM

LR

“ I’m so sorry for your loss.  
She was such a beautiful, strong, and truly special woman —  
someone who left a mark on everyone who knew her.

*I’m holding you close in my thoughts and keeping you in my  
prayers.*

*May you find strength in the love she gave, and comfort in the  
memories you’ll always carry with you.*

*Sending you all my love and deepest sympathy during this difficult  
time. Love from Lysette and family*

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**Lysette Rietveld** - December 30, 2025 at 02:53 AM

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**Lysette Rietveld** - December 30, 2025 at 02:52 AM

CA

“ I will remember "Gigi" as the generous, loving and cheerfull mother and grandmother I have met a lot of years ago.

*Wishing all the love and strength to all her loved ones for the coming time and beyond.*

*Thinking of you* ❤️



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**Caroline** - December 30, 2025 at 01:12 AM

DP

*Dear Gigi, rest in peace. You were an extraordinary woman and I am privileged to have known you. May the many wonderful memories be of strength to her family and other loved ones in this time of loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Love from Brussels, Belgium*

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**Delphine Pronk** - December 30, 2025 at 02:20 AM

MB

*Sorry for your loss may the blessing of heaven be with the family*  
*Mark Denise Burkhart*

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**Mark Burkhart** - January 02 at 04:30 PM