



## Marcia Joan Duncan

March 15, 1935 - July 24, 2017

Marcia Joan Duncan 82, of Milan, Michigan, formerly of Saline, MI, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, July 24, 2017 after a brief illness. Marcia was born in Grand Rapids, MI in 1935 to the late Harold Miller and Madora (Cornell). She was a 1953 graduate of Ottawa Hills High School in Grand Rapids and then attended Hiram College in Ohio, where she studied Liberal Arts. On September 1, 1956, she married her sweetheart, James Walter Duncan who remained her best friend and beloved husband until he preceded her in death in 2015. Married for 58 years they raised their 4 children in Ann Arbor, Manchester and Saline. Upon moving to Ann Arbor, Marcia worked at Logos Bookstore where she established and managed the children's literature section. Her love of books began early in her life. One of Marcia's fondest memories growing up in Grand Rapids, was around the holidays, peering into storefront windows, her nose pressed against the glass, admiring the beautiful displays of merchandise. One of the stores was the famous Herpolsheimer's, where her maternal grandfather, Andrew Stevenson was the store Santa for many years. In 1975, after the family moved to Manchester, Marcia realized her dream and opened her own business, The Calico Cat Book and Gift Shoppe, which specialized in Christian and Children's Literature. She owned and operated the store for 35 years, eventually moving to Saline and opening another store, The Christmas Annex. During their years in business, Marcia and Jim had the privilege of restoring several buildings, including the Old First Methodist Church in Saline. In 2014, they were awarded the Lifetime

Achievement Award by the Saline Area Chamber of Commerce for their work at the Calico Cat and its contributions to the business district. Throughout her life Marcia was known for her open demeanor and a love of conversation. Some of her favorite memories during her Calico Cat Years, were made through the people she met, the friendships she made and the joy of helping someone find the perfect gift, especially a classic book. A woman of unwavering faith, and a deep love for the Lord, Marcia also served as the church secretary at Grace Bible Church in Ann Arbor, and later she and Jim were one of five founding families of Huron Hills Baptist Church in Ann Arbor. The heart of her family, she made every occasion beautiful. From birthdays, graduations, weddings and holidays, she made each event special and unique. She loved entertaining family and friends, especially during the holidays and those celebrations will definitely feel her absence henceforth. Marcia's love of cats was legendary. There was never a stray cat that she didn't tend to, provide veterinary care for if needed, and then be sure to find them a good home. When she was not working at her store, or spending time with her family, Marcia was an avid reader. She read everything from Catherine Marshall, Billy Graham and Corrie Ten Boom to Harry Potter! She also loved knitting and was known for her beautiful perennial gardens. Marcia looked forward every summer to vacationing with her family at Glen Lake. Marcia will lovingly be remembered and deeply missed by her four children, Beth (Dan) Ragle of Milan, James (Blanca) of California, Eric Duncan of Whitmore Lake, Leslie (Kip) Read of Ypsilanti, her three grandchildren, Jonah, Ashton and Hunter Read, her Brother Fritz (Judy) Miller of Arizona, Sister Laurie Haan(Dennis) Bayma of Virginia, and Step-brother David (Diane) Haan of Spring Lake, Brother-in-law Donald Duncan of Minnesota, and Brother-in-law Jack (Shirley) Duncan of Indiana. Also numerous, deeply loved nieces and nephews and cherished cousins. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, August 18, 2017 at 12:00 Noon at the Milan Baptist Church in Milan, MI with Pastor Doug Strader officiating. A luncheon will follow the service. A private graveside service will be held at Oakwood Cemetery in Saline, following the

luncheon. Memorial donations may be made to The American Cancer Society, The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Michigan, or Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center FIRST program. Envelopes will be available at Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline, where friends may begin calling on Thursday, August 17, 2017 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. On Friday, August 18, 2017 friends may visit at Milan Baptist Church from 11:00 AM until the time of service at 12:00 Noon. To sign Marcia's guestbook, to leave a memory or for more information or directions, please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

AUG 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Milan Baptist Church  
31 Ferman Street  
Milan, MI 48160  
<http://milanbaptist.org>

## Funeral Service

AUG 18. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Milan Baptist Church  
31 Ferman Street  
Milan, MI 48160  
<http://milanbaptist.org>

## Luncheon

AUG 18. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Marcia Joan Duncan*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Marcia was one of the bright lights in Saline when Doug and I lived there from 1984-1988. I still have the Christmas Angel we bought at Calico Cat that goes on the top of our tree every year. Marcia will be missed! Doug & Cathy*

**Cathy Brubaker-Clarke** - March 19, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ *Beth, Jim, Eric and Leslie, I was sorry to hear of your mother's passing, but I know she has gone home to be with the Lord. I have fond memories of watching all of you after school while your mom must have been at the bookstore. She was a wonderful friend to my mother and we made regular trips to the Calico Cat over the years. She touched many lives. We were blessed to have had her in our lives! Love and prayers for you all. Norma*

**Norma Miller** - September 23, 2017 at 11:00 AM

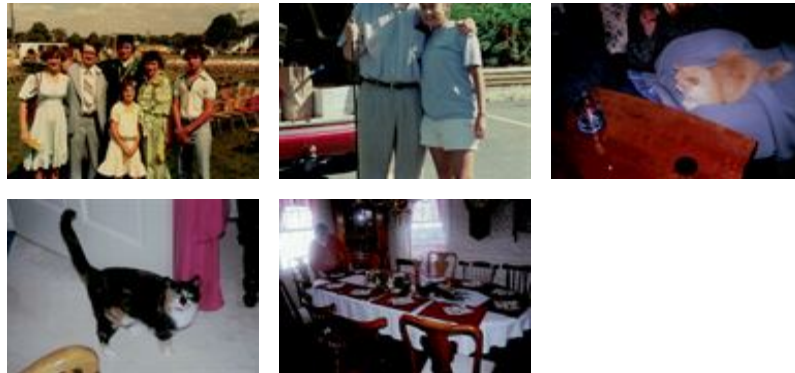


“ *Our prayers are with you as you say goodbye to a wonderful mom, grandma, sister and cousin. She is rejoicing in heaven with all the family that have gone before. There are lots of great memories to sustain our family until we are reunited. Love Terry and Barb Nichols*

**Barbara Nichols** - August 18, 2017 at 11:08 AM



“ 86 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



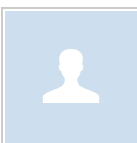
**Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - August 17, 2017 at 09:52 AM



“ *You are all in my Prayers! I was Marcia's hairstylist for the last 15 years. I so enjoyed talking with her and hearing about what was going on in her life. A few years ago Marcia and Jim came and planted a bunch of perennials in my flower bed at the apartment I lived in at the time. Such sweet people. She will be missed!*

*Brenda Morningstar*

**Brenda Morningstar** - August 17, 2017 at 09:36 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Marcia Joan Duncan.*



August 16, 2017 at 04:48 PM

SD

“ Beth, my thoughts and prayers to you and your family for the loss of your mother.

*I will keep you in my prayers.* ❤️

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sharon dicks - August 12, 2017 at 03:05 PM

JK

“ Janey Koch lit a candle in memory of Marcia Joan Duncan



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janey koch - August 11, 2017 at 10:24 AM

JK

“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mom she always made everyone feel welcome and was the kindest person I know she will be missed but now she is up there with your dad and will be watching over all of you.

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janey koch - August 11, 2017 at 10:23 AM

JH

“ Dear Beth and family,  
You are in my thoughts and prayers. The Calico Cat was a very special place for my mother, thanks to your mother. God will embrace you in His loving arms during this difficult time.

*Jan (Savage) Hannah*

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Jan Hannah - August 10, 2017 at 09:06 PM

JS

“ Thinking of you, Marcia's beloved family, and so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed many years working at The Calico Cat and surely echo that your mother was a very special person. I am sorry I will not be home to attend her service.

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**Jean Savage** - August 09, 2017 at 05:03 PM

CM

“ Dear Laurie and all of Marcia and Jim's family, the years have flown by but the special memories remain. May they continue to fill you with joy, love and peace knowing that one day you will reunite with your sister, mother and grandmother in heaven!  
Love to you all! Cindy Miller

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**Cynthia Miller** - August 09, 2017 at 11:14 AM

 Tracy  
Shelton

“ I will never forget how sweet Marcia was to me after I lost my cat. We happened to be in the Calico Cat (church...now Salt Brewery) when somehow it came up. Marcia to the rescue, she brought out sweet little kittens that she had at the store and told me to pick one out that she was giving it to me. It made my day. That cat (I named her Murphy after Murphy Brown) was my baby until my child was born. Every time I see photos of my sweet Murphy I think of Marcia. Thank you for being such an amazing angel here on earth for everyone you met. You are now our angel in Heaven.

-Tracy Shelton

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**Tracy Shelton** - August 07, 2017 at 11:58 AM



“ Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Marcia Joan Duncan.



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August 04, 2017 at 10:27 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. Your mom and dad were always so welcoming at the store and never missed a chance to ask about our family. Jane Finkbeiner

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**Jane Finkbeiner** - July 26, 2017 at 08:18 AM



*To Beth, Jim, Eric and Leslie, Laurie and all of Marcia's family. I am filled with wonderful memories of my life with Marcia. Walking to high school together, enjoying her wedding day to her beloved husband, Jim, reuniting at our many class reunions, our visits with her at her sacred bookstore where she created and manifested her dream. Ward and I treasure our inspiring and spiritual conversations with Marcia and Jim. You, my dear friend, are love and light and I will always love you. Mary (and Ward) Scovel*

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**Mary Scovel** - August 02, 2017 at 11:57 PM



*Dear Family, Marcia had a special soft tenderly way to express a thought, or a story. We shared so many hours together, year after year, in our Fellowship Group, where we would pray for each other, and our families. We will all miss Marcia's thoughtful and loving ways. May God Bless all of you in her family. She loved you so very much!*

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**Sharon & Bob Thatcher** - August 17, 2017 at 01:21 PM

DW

*To the family but especially Laurie. I was your Community Health Nursing faculty at UofM. I have such fond memories of your sister. She was such a blessing to us all here in Saline. The Calico Cat Book and Gift shop was and will always be my fave gift shop. It was because of Marcia. She was so willing to help you find the right gift for the occasion. She taught me how to make a bow out of ribbon one time. She is greatly missed. God rest her weary soul and God be with you as you live life. Delores Sell Wurst*

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**Delores Sell Wurst** - August 23, 2017 at 08:18 PM