



## Ruth Sharon Van Oel

March 25, 1944 - February 17, 2025

Ruth Sharon Van Oel, age 80, of Saline, Michigan, peacefully went home to be with her Lord Jesus on Monday, February 17, 2025 after an extended illness. She was born in Detroit, Michigan on March 25, 1944, to Lawrence and Catherine Ouellette. She is survived by her husband Robert; daughter Jennifer Hasija (John); daughter Cynthia Maynard (Jason); granddaughter Keturah Mastrogiacomo (Anthony), grandson and granddaughter Colin and Victoria Maynard; and her beloved black lab Joey. She was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers—Phil, Richard, Gary, and Danny.

Ruth and Robert were high school sweethearts and graduated together in 1963 from Mackenzie High School in Detroit. They were married on Memorial Day, May 30, 1964. They enjoyed boating, fishing, and visiting Belle Isle and Edgewater Park. They moved from Detroit to Saline in 1977, and worked alongside each other on their family farms, taking care of horses and various farm animals throughout the years. She loved to garden, read, cook, and host weekly family dinners for her children and their families. Ruth was very devoted to her children and grandchildren and will be deeply missed by them.

Ruth was a secretary for a buyer at Kresge from 1963 to 1972. She was then a homemaker until both of her children were in high school, when she then worked in the cafeteria at the Saline Middle School from 1989 until she retired in 2014.

She accepted the Lord as her Savior in October 1992 and joined Ann Arbor Baptist Church, where she has been a member ever since.

Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 from 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. at Ann Arbor Baptist Church, 2150 South Wagner Rd, Ann Arbor, MI, 48103. Funeral Services will be held at 5:00 P.M. and Pastor Jonathan Barber will officiate the service. A Dinner will be held at the Church, following the service. Burial will take place privately at a later time in the Oakwood Cemetery in Saline. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name may be made to the Faith Promise Missions fund at Ann Arbor Baptist Church. To leave a memory you have of Ruth, to sign her online guestbook or for directions please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 25. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Ann Arbor Baptist Church  
2150 South Wagner Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
<https://www.aabaptist.church/>

## Funeral Service

FEB 25. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Dinner Reception

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FEB **25**. 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *She used to be my lunch lady. She was so nice*

Michael - February 20, 2025 at 12:23 AM

JE

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Jenny - February 20, 2025 at 06:56 AM

MA

*I remember her kindness when she was at Saline Middle School. She treated every kiddo the same. Wonderful human.*

Matt - February 25, 2025 at 02:31 PM

JE



Jenny - February 26, 2025 at 07:13 AM

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“ *the most selfless person*



Jenny - February 19, 2025 at 05:52 PM

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**Jenny** - February 19, 2025 at 05:40 PM

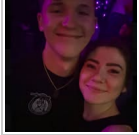
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**Jenny** - February 19, 2025 at 05:33 PM



“ I love you Grandma. I'm thankful you're in a peaceful place and free of the hardships of life. Take your well earned vacation, you deserve it for all of your hard work and sacrifices you've made for us. I wish I could have been there by your side as you took your last breath. I love you so much, and I won't let you down. Enjoy the view from above ❤️



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**Keturah Hasija Mastrogiacomo** - February 19, 2025 at 06:51 AM

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**Cynthia Maynard** - February 18, 2025 at 10:55 PM

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**Cynthia Maynard** - February 18, 2025 at 10:38 PM

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**Jenny** - February 18, 2025 at 08:20 PM