



Cynthia Alison Kabza Vercruysse

March 17, 1950 - April 3, 2025

Cynthia Alison Kabza Vercruysse, was born on March 17, 1950, and died on April 3, 2025, after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. She was preceded in death by her husband of 39.5 years, Robert M. Vercruysse. A loving mother of Gary Vercruysse, Nicole (Kevin) Nemec, Anne-Marie (Rob) Welch, and her adoring cat Cozette Faye; and grandmother of Claire, Alec, Jacob, Thomas, Addison, Alexandria, and Amelia. Cynthia is also survived by her sister Lesley (Dan) Criscenti and her brother Julian Kabza, and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Cynthia grew up in Ann Arbor, Michigan and enjoyed sailing in the summers at Brown Ledge Camp in Vermont, sewing, cooking, playing violin, and taking care of numerous animals, including an iguana. She graduated from the University of Michigan earning a BA in History with an emphasis on Chinese Studies. A lifelong learner, she completed post graduate course work in economics, marketing, public policy, French, and wine tasting.

A Senior Professional in Human Resources, Cynthia proudly worked her entire career for the University of Michigan Human Resources Department. She retired as the Director of Executive Search and Career Services in 2003. During her distinguished career she earned various awards, including the Midwest Individual Award of Excellence in Human Resource Administration and the University of Michigan Business and Finance Distinguished Staff Award.

She did not sit idly in retirement. Cynthia served as Chair of both the Plymouth

Community Arts Council and Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle.

When Cynthia was not at work or volunteering, she enjoyed spending time at the cottage, watching her grandchildren play sports and perform, caring for her beloved cat, playing bunco with her friends, gardening, improving recipes, helping others, finding the perfect shade of lipstick, and providing her opinions on current events to news sources, politicians, and anyone else she felt needed to be informed. She will be missed by all who knew her.

We will celebrate Cynthia's life on Tuesday, April 15th beginning with a Vigil and Visitation at 10:00 a.m. and a Funeral Mass at 10:30 at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N Territorial Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Donations in Cynthia's honor may be made to the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 Sheldon Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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Previous Events

Lying In State

APR 15. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church
47650 North Territorial Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Funeral Mass

APR 15. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Plymouth, MI 48170

Tribute Wall

MM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I just learned of Cindy’s passing. Right now I am particularly out of touch being across the “The Pond” on an extended trip. I have thought of her over the years since I retired. She was such a “Force”. May your fond memories of her help fill the void.

Marjorie McR - April 19, 2025 at 04:38 PM

MM

“ Marjorie M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cynthia Alison Kabza Vercruysse.

Marjorie M. - April 19, 2025 at 04:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Cynthia Alison Kabza Vercruysse.

April 14, 2025 at 09:05 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cynthia Alison Kabza Vercruysse.



April 14, 2025 at 09:05 AM

JS

“ Jennifer S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cynthia Alison Kabza Vercruysse.

Jennifer S. - April 13, 2025 at 02:52 PM

FL

“ From Yael Liber purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Cynthia Alison Kabza Vercruysse.



From Yael Liber - April 10, 2025 at 09:18 PM

FL

“ From Yael Liber planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cynthia Alison Kabza Vercruysse.

From Yael Liber - April 10, 2025 at 09:18 PM

PL

“ Peter and Alice Lemmer purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Cynthia Alison Kabza Vercruysse.



Peter and Alice Lemmer - April 10, 2025 at 07:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Cynthia Alison Kabza Vercruysse.

April 10, 2025 at 02:01 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cynthia Alison Kabza Vercruysse.



April 10, 2025 at 02:01 PM



“ Armando L. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cynthia Alison Kabza Vercruysse.

Armando L. - April 10, 2025 at 11:54 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Cynthia Alison Kabza Vercruysse.

April 10, 2025 at 09:17 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Cynthia Alison Kabza Vercruysse.



April 10, 2025 at 09:17 AM



“ The Welch Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cynthia Alison Kabza Vercruysse.

The Welch Family - April 09, 2025 at 08:42 PM

TF

“ *The Welch Family purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Cynthia Alison Kabza Vercruysse.*



The Welch Family - April 09, 2025 at 08:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Cynthia Alison Kabza Vercruysse.

April 09, 2025 at 06:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Cynthia Alison Kabza Vercruysse.

April 08, 2025 at 09:07 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cynthia Alison Kabza Vercruysse.*



April 08, 2025 at 09:07 PM

SN

“ 50 + years ago, this beautiful, young and vibrant University of Michigan Compensation Analyst walked into my office and quipped "Want to grab some lunch together?"

So began an enduring friendship that spanned decades, years filled with all the highs and lows of life, loss and love. Throughout these years, Cindy and I shared many milestones, many adventures and some sorrows. We were in each other's wedding parties. As maid-of-honor at my wedding to James, she got me to the altar when marriage fright immobilized me. It was a good move on her part. We've been married 42 years and counting.

Cindy honored me by being godmother to my son, a role she assumed with unceasing care and engagement. In short, she was terrific and my child was very blessed to have her in his life.

She was my support when I lost my mother and she shared in my joy at becoming a grandmother. Once when she flew out to visit me in California on Halloween, we laughed that she was greeted by a furious snowstorm instead of friendly goblins. For years we'd talk on Thanksgiving Eve, sharing recipes and menus. We belted out Irish tunes and danced to Irish songs when we were able to celebrate her birthday together. We had adventures at California spas and on Caribbean islands.

How does one say good-bye to such a friend so long and so strongly embedded in the fabric of your life?

One doesn't. One simply says "Until we meet again dear friend. . ."

And I'm confident we will.

Sunnie Noellert

Sunnie Noellert - April 08, 2025 at 08:43 PM

LC

Thank you so much for sharing such precious memories...we will treasure them and you. -Lesley Kabza Criscenti

lesley kabza criscenti - April 09, 2025 at 07:10 AM

GM

“ *Cindy and I were in a dinner group for 8 years with 3 other couples. Hosting rotated monthly. When it was your turn you were challenged to out cook the previous couple. And, you provided the entire meal, desert, wine and after dinner drinks. It was always over the top. Once when it was my turn I made a ricotta tart. Unfortunately I misread the recipe and used a cup of salt instead of sugar. Bake 60 minutes. It was like concrete. It could not be cut with a chisel. Into the dust bin it went. Cindy and I had many chuckles about that tart.*

She continued to send me recipes, mainly French. I'll miss that and our lunches and dinners at good restaurants over the last ten years. Debbi and I miss her dearly.

Gary Maki 🍷

Gary & Debbi Maki - April 08, 2025 at 06:55 PM

LC

Gary, I know how much Cindy enjoyed those dinners with you...and how much she valued the many years work working together at UM, as well as the friendship and support these last few years. Thank you. - Lesley Kabza Criscenti

lesley kabza criscenti - April 09, 2025 at 07:14 AM

RH

I started at the University of Michigan in the Human Resources Department as an Employment Representative and Cindy was my supervisor. She was kind, caring, helpful and supportive as I learned my new duties. When I told her I had a cat, her eyes sparkled and she told me many stories about her cat, complete with photos. She even mentioned that if anything happened to her cat and it died she would be so upset she would have to take time off work to grieve. A true cat lady. I will pat a cat in memory of Cindy.

Robert Henry - May 04, 2025 at 11:28 PM