



Gertrude "Jan" Olweean

May 7, 1932 - May 9, 2026

Gertrude "Jan" Genevieve Olweean, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully on May 9, 2026. She was born on May 7, 1932, to William and Helen Nowak.

Jan was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Olweean, whom she married on January 2, 1954, and who passed on January 18, 2001; her son, Steven Olweean; and her daughter-in-law, Dorothy Olweean.

She is survived by her children, Roger (Toni) Olweean and Cynthia (Jeff) Spry; her grandchildren, Sara Steiger, Ariel Olweean, Christen Tharp, Modie Olweean, and Megan (Otto) Black; and her great-grandchildren, Harper, Steven, Lilly, and Gracelynn.

Jan graduated from Hamtramck High School in 1950 and attended Highland Park Junior College, where she studied shorthand and earned her associate degree. She worked at Dodge Main and held various office and factory positions throughout her career.

She was a vibrant and social woman who loved fashion, travel, music, and spending time with friends and family. Jan was active in the Shriners Association, the Red Hat Ladies, and the St. Richard Choir, and she volunteered at the Dyer Senior Center and St. Richard Bingo. She also worked at Vermeulen Funeral Home, offering comfort to families in need.

Jan enjoyed Jazzercise, Polish cultural events, and traveling—especially to Las Vegas and most memorably to Graceland with her daughter Cindy and granddaughters Megan and Sara, celebrating her love of Elvis Presley.

She will be remembered for her warmth, humor, and the joy she brought to everyone around her. Her presence will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Visitation on Wednesday, May 20th 2-8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill)

Westland. Funeral Service on Thursday, May 21st at 11 AM at the funeral home. Interment Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley, Michigan. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

Cemetery Details

Roseland Park Cemetery

Berkley, MI

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 20. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland
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Funeral Service

MAY 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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