



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

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland
980 North Newburgh Road
Westland, MI 48185
(734) 326-1300
westland@vermeulenfh.com

Funeral Service

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

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Tribute Wall

LM

“*Jan, is and always will be a Beautiful Soul. She loved life and enjoyed time with friends and family. We can only dream of the celebration Jesus has in store for us. Jan is living that celebration now and forever with all that have gone before her. For we the faithful life for Jan has changed NOT ended. May God bless all of Jan's family and friends with His Peace and Love. We always loved going out to dinner with her and Uncle Ray. She also loved going on our boat with us at Lake Chemung. We will miss her.*

*Love and Hugs,
Lorri and Phil Mularski*

Lorri and Phil Mularski - May 20 at 06:21 PM

LF

“*So very sad to learn of Jan's passing. She was a super lady and so friendly. I am glad that I shared get togethers with her. Jan was a blessing to know.*

*Sincerely,
Linda Fiema*

linda fiema - May 20 at 01:39 PM

AH

“*Angela Bowman Rickie Huddleston purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Gertrude "Jan" Olweean.*



Angela Bowman Rickie Huddleston - May 19 at 05:36 PM

TS

“ *The Sweeten's purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Gertrude "Jan"
Olweean.*



The Sweeten's - May 19 at 09:54 AM

TE

“ *Tom & Eric purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for
the family of Gertrude "Jan" Olweean.*



Tom & Eric - May 18 at 04:43 PM

TE

“ *Tom & Eric planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gertrude "Jan"
Olweean.*

Tom & Eric - May 18 at 04:43 PM

PS

“ *Paula, David, Jennifer & Sophie purchased the Di
vine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gertrude
"Jan" Olweean.*



Paula, David, Jennifer & Sophie - May 14 at 10:02 PM

LC

“ Love Randy & Brenda Cleveland purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Gertrude "Jan" Olweean.



Love Randy & Brenda Cleveland - May 14 at 04:34 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gertrude "Jan" Olweean.



May 14 at 11:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gertrude "Jan" Olweean.

May 14 at 11:31 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gertrude "Jan" Olweean.



May 12 at 06:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gertrude "Jan" Olweean.

May 12 at 06:21 PM

NA

“ NancyScottBlairBrookeErinAmanda purchased the *In Heaven's Arms Bouquet* for the family of Gertrude "Jan" Olweean.



NancyScottBlairBrookeErinAmanda - May 12 at 03:49 PM

PF

“ Paul & Sylvia Mocer and family purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Gertrude "Jan" Olweean.



Paul & Sylvia Mocer and family - May 12 at 01:49 PM

PF

“ Paul & Sylvia Mocer and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gertrude "Jan" Olweean.

Paul & Sylvia Mocer and family - May 12 at 01:49 PM

MA

“ *Heartfelt Condolences To Jan Olweean Family: Your Mom will be in your Hearts Forever. She will be Remembered and Truly Missed by all family and friends who knew and loved her. May the God of all comfort be with your family at this Difficult time: 2Cor 1:3,4 and Rev 21:4*

Maria A - May 12 at 01:42 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gertrude "Jan" Olweean.



May 12 at 12:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gertrude "Jan" Olweean.

May 12 at 12:41 PM



“ Dee G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gertrude "Jan" Olweean.

Dee G. - May 12 at 11:52 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gertrude "Jan" Olweean.



May 12 at 11:12 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gertrude "Jan" Olweean.*



May 12 at 11:08 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gertrude "Jan" Olweean.

May 12 at 11:08 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Gertrude "Jan" Olweean.*



May 12 at 10:27 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gertrude "Jan" Olweean.

May 12 at 10:27 AM