



Gwendolyn J. Casey

October 29, 1940 - December 5, 2025

Gwendolyn Jean Casey (Burkhart)

Born in Detroit, Michigan on October 29, 1940 to Raymond Burkhart of Kentucky and Parthena Boyd Burkhart of Pennsylvania. Passed away peacefully at Angela Hospice in Livonia, Michigan on December 5, 2025.

Preceded in death by her beloved husband of 57 years, John Raphael “Jack” Casey Sr., brother Carlton Ray Burkhart and daughter Adrienne Ann Hicks.

Mother to Joanne Marie (James) Cisek, John Raphael (Jean) Casey Jr., Sheri Lee (Douglas) Milkey, Raymond Edwin (Lisa) Casey and Donald “Rick” Hicks. Sister to Clark Edwin Burkhart.

Proud grandmother of 11 and great-grandmother of 4.

Gwen leaves behind many loving nieces and nephews and extended family members.

Gwen and Jack shared over 60 years together, spending 36 of those years escaping to their happy place, Nettles Island, Florida. There they shared a passion for golf, connecting and building life-long friendships and treasured moments on the beach with their cherished grandchildren. Gwen was deeply interested in her family history and genealogy. She took great pride in becoming a member of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Daughters of the Pilgrims and Daughters of the Colonial Dames (NSCDA) through her pursuit of a deeper understanding of her family history.

Throughout her life she wore many hats. Her artistic flare and love of beautiful things inspired her to learn new skills that helped her create ceramics, flower

arrangements, calligraphy, clothing and spectacular quilts. Her talent with the sewing machine guided her to the Kindred Spirits Quilting Club, where she shared mutual love for art and created lasting bonds with the members of the club. Her creativity was inspiring.

For those who knew and loved her, she will be remembered for her love of “bling,” her strength, her resilience and warmth, for appreciation of the lights and bells of life (the slot machines of course!) Gwen will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Visitation Friday, December 12th, 5-9 PM with a Scripture Service at 7:00 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (Between Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth.

Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, December 13th, 11:00 AM also at the funeral home.

Memorial Contributions can be made to American Cancer Society PO Box 22718 Oklahoma, OK 73123.

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Cemetery Details

Parkview Memorial Cemetery

34205 Five Mile Road
Livonia, MI 48154

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 12. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

Scripture Service

DEC 12. 7:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
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Funeral Service

DEC 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“Gwen was my mom's cousin -Ethel. Gwen was always Ethel go-to pal, any time my mom needed a friend. Gwen was always ready to be at her side. They took wonderful vacations together, golfing in California, visiting the Redwoods, to the beaches in Florida. Gwen was actually my moms best friend and I let her know that. I also became friends with Gwen too, after mom passed away. We kept in touch often. She had a lively personality and I enjoyed our lunches together. I will miss her.

Carole Smith - December 12, 2025 at 02:13 PM

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“Doloras C. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gwendolyn J. Casey.



Doloras C. - December 12, 2025 at 11:34 AM

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“Thewes', Rettig's, Lockman's purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gwendolyn J. Casey.



Thewes', Rettig's, Lockman's - December 12, 2025 at 10:11 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn J. Casey.*



December 11, 2025 at 01:18 PM



“ *I have loved Gwen for almost 40 years, meeting her on Nettles Island. She convinced me to play golf for one of the couples outings we had. I wasn't good at golf and she said playing with the women would be great fun. She was right and it started a friendship that has lasted for decades. Gwen was there for me when my husband passed away 20 years ago and she promised me that she would make sure I didn't disappear from our couples group. She even had me play with Jack in one of the couple outings and then she joined us for dinner. We would meet every morning when it wasn't a golf day and head out for our adventures, shopping, consignment shopping or the pool and beach. She loved walking the beach. We both ended up fighting cancer at the same time. We talked every day - some times twice a day. I will miss this friend for the rest of my days. She was the best friend there was.*

Sharon Pressey - December 08, 2025 at 07:11 PM



“ *Although I have not known Gwen very long, I immediately saw what a kind and wonderful person she was. My love goes out to her family during this sad time. She will always be with you in your hearts.*



Sandy Martin - December 08, 2025 at 03:24 PM

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“Gwen was one of my golfing buddies. We always had a good time as she made me and Kathy laugh many times over the years. She was always so thoughtful and generous remembering my birthday, making a couple of quilts for me. The highlight was when she and John took me to Radrick Farms and treated me to a round of golf. I will never forget that golf outing.

She was one strong lady fighting her cancer for many years. She finally is without pain and back together with John.

God Bless You Gwen. Rest in peace.

Love, Linda

Linda Pred - December 07, 2025 at 04:29 PM