



## Jennifer Lynn Whitteaker

September 5, 1969 - March 18, 2025

Jennifer Lynn Whitteaker, age 55, of Plymouth, Michigan, passed away on March 18, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Vineland, New Jersey, on September 5, 1969, Jennifer was the cherished daughter of Mila and Danny Sarsozo. She was raised in Canton, Michigan, where she began a life rooted in faith, family, and perseverance. She attended St. Raphael Primary School, graduated from Ladywood High School in 1987, and continued her education at the University of Michigan, earning her bachelor's degree in 1991. She later completed her master's degree at Michigan State University, a reflection of her lifelong dedication to learning.

On May 21, 1994, Jennifer married Scott D. Whitteaker in Canton. Their partnership of more than 30 years was marked by love, strength, and devotion—a bond that remained unshakable through life's many seasons. Together, they raised two children, Jack and Sophia, who were the heart of Jennifer's world.

Jennifer devoted more than three decades to DTE Energy, where she began as a customer service representative and rose through the ranks to become a Regional Manager. Her leadership was defined by integrity, quiet determination, and genuine care for those around her. She was deeply respected by her colleagues and made a lasting imprint on the organization. Beyond her professional life, Jennifer gave generously of her time and energy to causes close to her heart. She was an active member of St. John Neumann

Catholic Church in Canton. She served as Treasurer of the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber, Vice-Chair of the Troy Chamber of Commerce, Secretary of the Transportation Improvement Association, and sat on the Board of Trustees for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra—an institution whose music she treasured.

Jennifer's joys were found in the simple moments: the rhythm of dancing, the soul of live music, the sweetness of dessert, and the quiet comfort of crocheting. With each stitch, she wove warmth into the lives of others. She had a gift for making people feel seen, heard, and loved.

She leaves behind her devoted husband, Scott; her loving children, Jack (Riley) and Sophia (Alex); and her granddaughter, Delilah, who brought her immeasurable joy. She is also survived by her mother, Mila, her siblings, Patrick (Michelle) and Jessica (Charles), and by many dear friends and extended family whose lives were enriched by her presence.

Visitation will be held on Monday, March 24, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and Tuesday, March 25, from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM, with a Rosary Service at 6:00 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (between Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. Jennifer will lie in state on Wednesday, March 26, at 10:30 AM until the Funeral Mass at 11:00 AM at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton.

Interment will follow at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Jennifer's memory to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201.

To share a memory or condolence, please visit the "Share a Memory" tab on this page.

# Cemetery Details

## Glen Eden Memorial Park

35667 Eight Mile Road  
Livonia, MI 48152

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **24.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

MAR **25.** 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## Rosary Service

MAR 25. 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## In state

MAR 26. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Neumann Catholic Church  
44800 Warren Road  
Canton, MI 48187

## Funeral Mass

MAR 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Neumann Catholic Church  
44800 Warren Road  
Canton, MI 48187

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ Jenn , was truly an incredible individual. I'm speechless and deeply sorry. (( hugs)) to everyone ❤️. I remember the fun times growing up together and cruising downtown Plymouth



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**Michelle May** - April 04, 2025 at 02:31 PM

DA

“ I only had the pleasure of working with Jennifer for the last few years. She was simply one of the very best colleagues at DTE Energy. Her caring for our customers, stakeholders and her fellow employees was without par. Her loss for DTE is huge, but it pales next to the loss for her family and her friends. She leaves a huge void in our lives, but her memory will be treasured and my prayers go out to her and to all the many that she touched in this world.

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**Dave Akerly** - March 25, 2025 at 11:54 AM

DW

“ When Jenn came into our family, she was just a little more than a teenager Even than, we saw a friendly, kind and caring person and we were glad to have her join our family. Over the years, we watched her grow into a lovely and successful business woman. We often bragged to others of her accomplishments. Looking back we regret that we never told her. We are deeply saddened that she left us so early and we look forward to seeing her in the after life. Love to all her family. Uncle Don and Aunt Dottie.

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**Donald Whitteaker and Dorothy Whitteaker** - March 24, 2025 at 12:55 PM

CS

“ Carol S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Jennifer Lynn Whitteaker.



Carol S. - March 24, 2025 at 12:35 PM

CS

“ Jennifer was a real bright spot in a working day. I have had several times when I have had to call upon her for a request on behalf of Royal Oak residents and whether it was one resident, or hundreds affected by a power outage, it did not matter to Jennifer. She always responded and got a result. She was amazing, proactive, professional, and friendly. I will truly miss her selfless approach and advocacy for our community. My condolences to her family. Carol Schwanger, City of Royal Oak City Manager Employee

Carol Schwanger - March 24, 2025 at 11:23 AM

JS

“ Jennifer was an amazing person who did so much in her little time with us. My condolences to her family. Joe Staniak, DTE co-worker

Joe Staniak - March 24, 2025 at 10:17 AM

DK

“ Jennifer was a truly kind and intelligent person. One of a kind. She will be deeply missed. My sincerest condolences to her family. Debbie Keith from DTE

Debbie Keith - March 23, 2025 at 07:04 PM

CG

“ 5 files added to the album Jennifer's DTE family



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**Carla Gribbs** - March 22, 2025 at 11:51 AM

RC

“ *Eternal rest grant unto Jennifer O Lord and let Perpetual Light shine upon her. May she and all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen! Our heartfelt condolences to the family. May God give you comfort, strength and peace during this difficult time.*

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**Roy and Lucy Coloma** - March 22, 2025 at 08:35 AM

MW

“ *She was such an amazing beautiful woman with a matching heart and soul. I don't understand while God took her back sooner than we wanted and were willing to let her go. Maybe because she was an angel and didn't need anymore time on earth to get it right as she lived a life as God demands of us. A life full of love, kindness and compassion and understanding and acceptance of others! Maybe she was called home to his kingdom because her services were needed in heaven. She lived a God pleasing life and served as a role model for all of us to try to be like. My heartbreaks for Scott the kids, her mom family and friends. She is gone physically but her legend lives on in those lives she touched with her love! God bless Hen you will be missed I'm grateful for having the honor, privilege to have known you! Fly high angel, your wings were ready but our hearts were not!*

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**Margie Walden** - March 21, 2025 at 08:12 PM

BW

“ *Jennifer, our beautiful forever friend, not sure how the world works without you. The Penn, prom, weddings, babies, Thanksgivings and countless vacations have all been with you. Thank you for being the best person we have ever known. We will miss you each and every day. Love, Mike & Beth*



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**Beth Wilder** - March 21, 2025 at 06:06 PM