



Lisa P. Cieslak

September 12, 1954 - December 12, 2025

LISA PAULA (TADDIA) CIESLAK — Canton resident, Dearborn native, culinary legend, and the gravitational center of a wonderfully chaotic family—passed away peacefully in her sleep on December 12, 2025 following a journey with cancer defined by both grace and bravery. Her absence leaves a profound stillness in the home she filled with decades of generosity and laughter.

She leaves behind, far too soon, her devoted husband of 51 years, Richard. Lisa's legacy of love continues in her five children: Angela, Richard, Alisha, Christopher, and Michael. She was the fiercely proud grandmother of Taylor and granddogs Scooby, Bella, and Knox. She is survived by her brothers, Bob and Dean Taddia, and has joyfully reunited with her parents, Bob and Marge Taddia, grandparents Nicholas and Eride Taddia, and their descendants. She was the matriarch of an informally adopted clan of chosen family that spanned generations, including dozens of non-relatives whose lives she nurtured and shaped.

Lisa, an alumna of Fordson High School, cherishes the friendships she made there, including MaryAnn, Lila, Kathy, and Jeanette. While she did not obtain formal education past high school, her common sense was sound and her work ethic unmatched. In addition to raising five children, and running a busy household, her resume included fashion consultant, oil painter, realtor, investment property manager, master caterer, and high school sports administrator. Her unlocked door and boundless generosity meant that

everyone who entered her kitchen was welcomed into the fold, guaranteed a meal, and thereafter etched into her heart. She dedicated herself wholly to others, particularly her twin sons, Christopher and Michael, from whom she derived great purpose in raising two wonderfully mannered young men. Lisa's legendary parties, especially at Christmas, were famous for their magic, warmth and abundance. Her spirit of welcoming generosity will be the one epitomized during every holiday season to come. While it would pain her to know her passing brought despair during the season she cherished most, she will be honored through every tradition held near and dear by those she loved. Those who wish to pay their respects may join the family at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home on Tuesday, December 16 from 2-9 pm. Family and friends who wish to make remarks to honor Lisa will be invited to do so that evening at 8 pm.

Funeral mass will take place at St. John Neumann Catholic Parish on Wednesday, December 17 at 11 AM, Lisa will be laying Instate at 10:30 AM. A meaningful expression of sympathy would be a contribution in Lisa's name to the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge in Cleveland, Ohio, a community that offered hope, care, and comfort while she received cancer treatment at the Cleveland Clinic.

To share a message of condolence, please use the Share a Memory tab on this webpage.

Cemetery Details

St. Hedwig Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Instate

DEC 17. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St John Neumann
44800 Warren Rd
Canton, MI 48187-1857
(734) 455-5910

Funeral Mass

DEC 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Vermeulen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lisa P. Cieslak



Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home - December 16, 2025 at 10:01 AM

AB

“ I just now learned. My heart breaks for all of you. Lisa was a wonderful woman. May God bless you all!



Alex Bogue - April 16 at 12:45 AM

SZ

“ Steve & Samantha Ziarko purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lisa P. Cieslak.



Steve & Samantha Ziarko - December 16, 2025 at 07:08 PM

SZ

“ Steve & Samantha Ziarko planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lisa P. Cieslak.

Steve & Samantha Ziarko - December 16, 2025 at 07:08 PM

MS

“ *Marlene Szajnecki(Gouba) . In memory of Lisa 🙏🙏*



Marlene Szajnecki(Gouba) - December 16, 2025 at 03:29 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lisa P. Cieslak.*



December 15, 2025 at 08:45 PM

LF

“ *Lenette Spencer and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lisa P. Cieslak.*



Lenette Spencer and family - December 15, 2025 at 06:34 PM

TK

“ *Terri & Kevin purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Lisa P. Cieslak.*



Terri & Kevin - December 15, 2025 at 03:31 PM

TK

“ Terri & Kevin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lisa P. Cieslak.

Terri & Kevin - December 15, 2025 at 03:31 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Lisa P. Cieslak.



December 15, 2025 at 02:43 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lisa P. Cieslak.



December 15, 2025 at 02:15 PM

MK

“ Mary Ann Marty , Yolanda & Kevin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lisa P. Cieslak.

Mary Ann Marty , Yolanda & Kevin - December 15, 2025 at 02:15 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lisa P. Cieslak.*



December 15, 2025 at 01:52 PM



“ *Miller Johnson purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Lisa P. Cieslak.*



Miller Johnson - December 15, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lisa P. Cieslak.*



December 15, 2025 at 12:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lisa P. Cieslak.*



December 15, 2025 at 10:33 AM

SP

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your Mother! She was so special. I remember her sharing her time with us each year to help make our Adopt A Child Program such a success. I know that she will truly be missed by so many people. She will always be in your hearts.

Sandra Parsons

Ssaundra Parsons - December 15, 2025 at 10:32 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Lisa P. Cieslak.



December 15, 2025 at 09:54 AM

GL

“ Gordon Food Service Leadership planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lisa P. Cieslak.

Gordon Food Service Leadership - December 15, 2025 at 09:54 AM

TG

“ Tim, Chris and Claudia Grabar purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lisa P. Cieslak.



Tim, Chris and Claudia Grabar - December 15, 2025 at 09:38 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lisa P. Cieslak.



December 14, 2025 at 05:24 PM



“ Jeanette J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lisa P. Cieslak.

Jeanette J. - December 14, 2025 at 12:23 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lisa P. Cieslak.



December 14, 2025 at 10:28 AM



“ Tim Adcock planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lisa P. Cieslak.

Tim Adcock - December 14, 2025 at 10:28 AM