



Tracy K. Rutter

November 9, 1956 - January 13, 2026

Sadly we announce the passing of Tracy Rutter on Tuesday, January 13, 2026. A joyful, fun loving, caring person; Tracy loved being around people and was a positive influence on everyone around her. She was a child at heart, she loved kids, and they enjoyed her fun spirit. Born November 9, 1956, she was the oldest of her siblings, with 5 younger brothers (Shawn, Matt, Luke, Michael, and Bob). If you talked about Tracy with someone who grew up with her, the most common things you will hear are, "Tracy helped raise me" or "she was always there for me"; whether you were close family, a cousin, or a friend from the neighborhood. Tracy met her husband Jim in high school in Garden City. While in different grades, there was a gravitational pull between them that found them continuously finding excuses to hangout. They started dating at the end of high school and eventually married on July 7, 1978. Tracy and Jim built a beautiful life and family in Canton. She was a supportive, loving mother, and later excelled as a grandma. Tracy will be deeply missed by her family, kids Jason and Sara, Rachel (daughter in law), Jeff (son in law), and grandsons Alex and Lincoln. Tracy loved being creative and crafts. She was an avid quilter, had a successful embroidery business, and was continuously finding creative ways to have fun and make things. Everyone who met Tracy wanted to be friends with her, which resulted in many treasured friendships. She got along with everyone and was someone you wanted to be around. We have lost a family matriarch, loving wife, amazing mother, adoring grandma, delightful sister (her words), and a fun and

supportive friend.

A Memorial Visitation and Service will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2026 from 1 PM until the Memorial Service at 4 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154, or to the Canton Public Library, C/O Canton Local Impact Alliance, 50430 School House Road, Suite 200, Canton MI 48187 (Please indicate Canton Public Library as the fund name).

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Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN **25**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
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Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ She drove me and my older brother when we were little to elementary school. I was 5. She drove us in the back of the families baby blue VW Beetle.. R.I.P.

David Brunelle - January 26 at 04:07 PM

DK

“ Sending love and support to the entire Dunnigan family. My husband Bob & I have been friends with Kristy and Shawn Dunnigan since before they were married, and we had the opportunity to meet and visit with Tracy several times over the years. She was as warm, gracious and fun as you could ever want. Always a smile on her face, even during trying times. So terribly sorry the world has lost such a wonderful person. Deb & Bob Keier

Deb Keier - January 24 at 12:25 PM

TL

“ The Luthers purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Tracy K. Rutter.



The Luthers - January 21 at 09:37 PM

TL

“ The Luthers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tracy K. Rutter.

The Luthers - January 21 at 09:37 PM

LC

“ Love, Jeff, Allyson, Amber and Collin purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Tracy K. Rutter.



Love, Jeff, Allyson, Amber and Collin - January 21 at 09:33 PM

KB

“ Karen BOYD Belliveau purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Tracy K. Rutter.



Karen BOYD Belliveau - January 21 at 07:32 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Tracy K. Rutter.



January 20 at 08:58 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Tracy K. Rutter.



January 19 at 11:14 PM

DN

“ Deborah Nickerson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tracy K. Rutter.

Deborah Nickerson - January 19 at 11:14 PM

EG

“ Tracy was the first person I met and became friends with when we moved to Canton. We would drop our boys off at their classroom doors and talk while we waited. Then we became walking buddies and after awhile added Renee to our morning strolls. We had a lot of fun while our kids were young. Our cub scout den mother adventures were awkward for all involved, but we laughed our way through it! We had had fun-don't know about the cub scouts! Tracy added so much joy to my life and to the life of any person that was fortunate enough to come into her orbit. I will miss my friend forever, but am grateful that she was in my life for a time.

Jim, Jason and Rachel and boys, Sara and Jeff, the love Tracy had for you was beyond measure. In time that will bring you comfort. I love you all.

Ellen Grenfell

Ellen Grenfell - January 19 at 08:38 PM

AF

“ Amado family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Tracy K. Rutter.



Amado family. - January 19 at 04:59 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Tracy K. Rutter.



January 16 at 02:46 PM



“ 'Barbies and Shirley Temple' that was us, as Tracy said. I've been blessed to have Tracy in my childhood and re-connecting in adulthood. She was truly a kind, sweet person and I can't recall her saying an unkind word to anyone. There were three of us: Tracy, Patty and myself that formed a trio that played Barbie til we knew we were too old and hid it, disagreeing over whose swimming pool we were going in on any particular day and sharing childhood thoughts. Meeting up with Tracy when I was about to have my daughter and we laughed as if it had been yesterday that we were together. I, at a distance, struggle with losing her. She made sure I knew she loved me and that means the world to me. She is at peace now with her mom and dad, Nancy and John. Thinking of all the Dunnigans and Rutters and wishing them peace and the ability to get through her loss with the wonderful memories of the one and only, Tracy.

Karen Belliveau - January 16 at 10:55 AM



“ No words can express my deep sorrow for all of your family that have been left behind. Tracy's presence was a light to everyone. She always had a smile and kindness just radiated from her. Sending love and prayers as you grieve your loss and uphold her memory.
Annette LaBelle

Annette LaBelle - January 16 at 09:08 AM

JB

“ I only knew Tracy as a sweet child, but have followed her life through the loving, devoted friendship she shared with my younger sister Karen, who is deeply bereft by the loss of her.

In my youth I babysat Tracy and her darling little brothers. They were so easy to take care of that I was able to discover and read through John's wonderful bookshelves of Russian authors. John and Nancy would tell me to keep each book until I'd finished it, so generous and so grateful I was.

Beautiful Dunnigans. Beautiful memories.

Bless your saddened hearts as you grieve the loss of remarkable, lovely Tracy who clearly filled the life of her cherished family and friends with inexhaustible love. God rest her sweet soul.

jean boyd - January 15 at 08:28 PM

BF

“ Tracy was a gem! So filled with love for her family and friends, always looked on the bright side of any situation, so talented with her beautiful quilts, such a fun sense of humor and a smile that would light up a room! I love you, Tracy! I know your kind heart and loving spirit will live on in those who were blessed to have known you. Heartfelt sympathy to your dear family and beloved grandchildren!

Barb Foess - January 15 at 06:09 PM

MS

“ Tracy was a most treasured friend and neighbor. She was such a wonderful person. I loved her so much and will miss her forever. Our deepest sympathy to Jim, Jason & Rachel, Sara & Jeff, Alex, Lincoln and all her brothers.

Mary Jane Schoeneman - January 15 at 03:49 PM