



## RuthAnn Wawiernia

November 21, 1952 - February 8, 2026

RuthAnn "Charlie" Wawiernia, the caretaker of the family, died Sunday February 8th, 2026. Charlie, 73, of Nashville, Michigan was born November 21, 1952 in Ionia, Michigan, to Jack and Ardeth (Geiger) Spencer. RuthAnn, affectionately known as "Charlie" and lovingly called "Gramma Chuck," was the heart and caretaker of her family and all who were fortunate enough to know her. A devoted wife, mother, and the unforgettable "Gramma Chuck," she believed that by living fully in those roles her life's wishes had been fulfilled. She gave 110% support to her children and stood behind Tony no matter what he was involved in. Her presence brought love, laughter, and light, and her voice could always be heard as the loudest cheer in the stands at sporting events. A passionate fan, she faithfully supported her favorite teams - Penn State and any teams the grandkids played on - with enthusiasm and pride.

Charlie's true career was being a Gramma, a role she embraced with unmatched joy and devotion. She loved cooking big meals filled with comfort food, and no one ever left her table without leftovers in hand. Her home, fondly known as the "Kool-Aid house," was a welcoming place for family, friends, and neighborhood kids alike. Creative and nurturing, she enjoyed knitting and crafting, tending to her flower gardens, and caring for her beloved succulent farm. She also had a special love for Christmas, delighting in the warmth, traditions, and togetherness it brought. Whether caring for family,

friends, or the troubled students she took under her wing while overseeing the in-school suspension program, Charlie's lived a life defined by generosity, warmth, and unwavering love - a legacy that will be treasured always.

Charlie is survived by her husband of 51 years, Tony; daughter, Brandy (Brian) Garrett, and sons, Trevor (Samantha) Wawiernia and Timothy (Gabrielle) Wawiernia; grandchildren, Chloe Garrett, Sebastian Garrett, Emma Garrett, Charles Garrett, Sawyer Wawiernia, Trapper Wawiernia, Harper Wawiernia, and Owen Wawiernia; and siblings, Karen (Garry) Brodbeck, and Larry (Deb) Spencer. She was preceded in death by her parents; and nephews, Jack Spencer and Andy Spencer.

Friends are encouraged to support Charlie's family by attending visitation or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). The family will be greeting guests at visitation is Thursday, February 12 from 2-4pm and 6-8 pm; and Friday, February 13 from 6-8 pm. A Memorial Wake will be held in the summer at a place and time to be announced. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com), click on Charlie's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Maple Valley Memorial Scholarship Fund designated for Pathway Students. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 12. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Visitation

FEB 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of RuthAnn Wawiernia



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 11 at 05:54 PM

JS

“ What a wonderful person. Charlie was such a support to the Maple Valley Wrestling Team, and to my son, Jesse Snow. I am forever grateful. May Tony, Milkmaid and the rest of the family take some comfort in the memories of so many. God Bless.

Joyce Snow - February 16 at 09:15 AM

SS

“ We are sorry to hear of Charlie's passing. Sending prayers to the Wawiernia family in hopes all the good memories will help you to heal.  
Sharon and Harold Stewart

Sharon & Harold Stewart - February 13 at 08:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of RuthAnn Wawiernia.

February 13 at 09:23 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of RuthAnn Wawiernia.



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February 13 at 09:23 AM

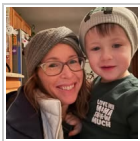


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Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 12 at 05:29 PM



“ Heaven truly gained an angel! I'm so saddened to hear this... Charlie is one of a kind and I am so thankful and honored to have known her! I remember when I was in school and the walks we would take and then fast forward to being able to work with her at the school years later. ❤️ I am so grateful that I ran into her not long ago and was able to give her a big ol hug!! I will remember her always!! ❤️ My most sincere thoughts and prayers are with all of her family and friends! 🙏❤️❤️🙏 God bless you Charlie and thank you for all of your love, support, humor, kindness and wisdom. I will cherish it always! 😘  
Love,  
Kari Braden

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Kari Braden - February 12 at 11:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of RuthAnn Wawiernia.*



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February 12 at 11:21 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of RuthAnn Wawiernia.*



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February 11 at 11:18 PM



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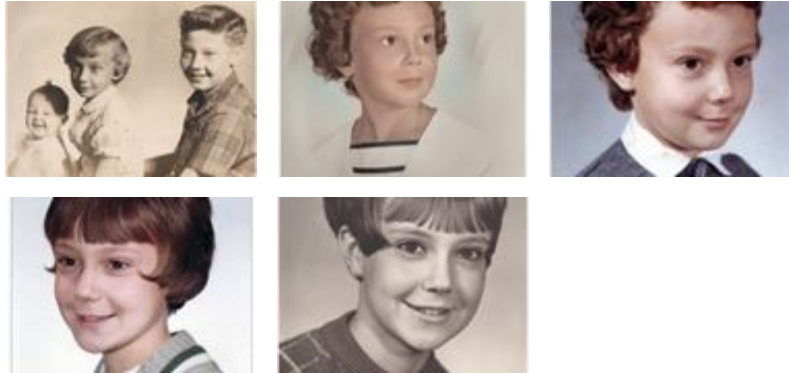


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February 11 at 06:41 PM



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - February 11 at 05:50 PM

SF

“ *Smurfit WestRock Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of RuthAnn Wawiernia.*



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**Smurfit WestRock Family** - February 11 at 04:05 PM

SF

“ *Smurfit WestRock Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of RuthAnn Wawiernia.*

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**Smurfit WestRock Family** - February 11 at 04:05 PM

RF

“ Randy Duell and Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of RuthAnn Wawiernia.



Randy Duell and Family - February 11 at 01:21 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of RuthAnn Wawiernia.



February 10 at 06:50 PM

FF

“ From The Creller Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of RuthAnn Wawiernia.

From The Creller Family - February 10 at 06:50 PM

AF

“ Arizola Famiy lit a candle in memory of RuthAnn Wawiernia



Arizola Famiy - February 10 at 06:30 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of RuthAnn Wawiernia.*



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February 10 at 11:43 AM



“ *Dan and Cheri Laverty purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of RuthAnn Wawiernia.*



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**Dan and Cheri Laverty** - February 10 at 11:29 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of RuthAnn Wawiernia.*



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February 10 at 10:44 AM



“ *Charlie was an awesome lady, she opened my heart. I will always be grateful for such a friend.*

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**Sheila Garrett** - February 10 at 10:21 AM

JS

“ Jim Ronnie Donnie Spencer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of RuthAnn Wawiernia.

Jim Ronnie Donnie Spencer - February 10 at 10:08 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of RuthAnn Wawiernia.



February 10 at 10:08 AM

NA

“ Charlie was always there for any child or parent. She loved watching the boys play sports. When our boys played sports, there was a bond with the moms cheering 📣 and supporting the boys, it was a tradition to put blankets down so we had a good seats to watch our babies play. Tony and Charlie were always present, Tony coaching, Charlie supporting in all different ways Her laughter was effectious . Charlie helped with getting Caleb to kindergarten, she was so willing to help. Charlie will be cheerleading her grandchildren from above, as well as watching over them and her kids and Tony. Charlie leaves a great legacy to her family. Keep up her traditions . She holds a special place in many hearts.



nadyne abfalter - February 09 at 07:08 PM

MT

*Charlie was such a special person, she was a bright light in the dark. I always appreciate her smiling happy face at the many different sports that our boys played. She gave so much support to so many! Her support in the detention room was amazing. Loved by everyone. Condolences to the family. Prayers for healing hearts*

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**Millie Thurlby** - February 09 at 08:08 PM

JD

*Tony, and Charlie's loved children, grandchildren, siblings nieces and nephews, she will deeply be so missed for her love to you all and her many friends. God be with you all during these tough days and times ahead*

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**June and Larry Decker** - February 09 at 09:13 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of RuthAnn Wawiernia.*



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February 09 at 06:59 PM