



## Theresa Cecilia McMillan

September 26, 1959 - December 1, 2024

Theresa Cecilia McMillan, 65, of Charlotte, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, December 1, 2024. Born on September 26, 1959, in Detroit, MI, Theresa was the eldest of nine children to Edward and Marilyn McMillan. Her family later relocated to Coldwater, Michigan, where she graduated from high school in 1977. Theresa and her husband co-owned and operated Elenora's Bakery in Coldwater, MI for many years. After their marriage ended, Theresa moved to Otsego, MI, where she spent nearly a decade as a Bakery Manager or in Lead Cake Decorator roles for various Harding's locations. After leaving Otsego she spent time attending college in Chicago, IL before returning to Michigan and settling in Kalamazoo.

In Kalamazoo, she earned an Associate Degree in Graphic Design from KVCC and continued her career in various roles, often centered around cake decorating-a testament to her artistic talents. Theresa was a lifelong learner with a creative spirit, passionate about expanding her knowledge and expressing her artistry. She will be remembered as a gentle soul with a dry sense of humor and a deep love for her family. Those who knew her best will cherish her memory and the joy she brought into their lives.

Theresa is survived by her son, Aaron Kowalski; her mother, and seven siblings. She was predeceased by her father and her sister, Marie McMillan. Theresa's service will be held at St Monica's Catholic Church in Kalamazoo,

Mich., on December 10, 2024, at 11 a.m. Friends are invited to support Theresa's family by attending her services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements are entrusted to Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Previous Events

## Memorial

DEC 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Monica Catholic Church  
4408 S Westnedge  
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

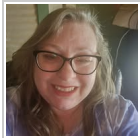
# Tribute Wall

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“ 2 files added to the album Service



John McMillan - December 10, 2024 at 02:52 PM



“ Teresa McMillan lit a candle in memory of Theresa Cecilia McMillan



Teresa McMillan - December 09, 2024 at 10:53 PM

YC

“ Your Lil sister, Cathy purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Theresa Cecilia McMillan.



Your Lil sister, Cathy - December 09, 2024 at 01:40 PM

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“ Your Lil sister, Cathy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theresa Cecilia McMillan.

Your Lil sister, Cathy - December 09, 2024 at 01:40 PM

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“ Our family is deeply saddened by Teresa’s passing, and we’re holding all of you in our hearts during this difficult time. Teresa touched so many lives in such a beautiful way, and her memory will always be cherished. To honor her, we’ve sent flowers and are planting a memorial tree—a small reflection of the love and light she brought to the world. Wishing you peace and comfort.  
All of the Peterson Family



Ingrid Macy - December 08, 2024 at 11:59 AM

JM

Thank you Ingrid and all the Peterson family. The flowers were beautiful.

John McMillan - December 10, 2024 at 03:03 PM

BI

“ Bev Iner, Pen, Lois, Ing purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Theresa Cecilia McMillan.



Bev Iner, Pen, Lois, Ing - December 07, 2024 at 04:47 PM

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“ Bev Iner, Pen, Lois, Ing planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theresa Cecilia McMillan.

Bev Iner, Pen, Lois, Ing - December 07, 2024 at 04:47 PM