



Ramona Rogalla

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Ramona Rogalla, age 64, passed into eternity on October 16, 2017. She was born August 23, 1953 in Muskegon to Ronace and Sigmund Zielinski. She is one of nine siblings (June Tselikai, Patricia Zielinski, Maria Beegle, Ronace Zielinski-Hogan, Jean Westhof, Sigmund Zielinski, Nedra Corrigan, and Mark Zielinski). Ramona graduated from Reeths-Puffer H.S. and went on to graduate from Western Michigan University with a degree in graphic design. She married Leonard Rogalla and had a daughter, Regina, and two sons, Thaddeus & Andrew. Ramona worked for several local businesses as a graphic designer, but is best remembered for her holiday window paintings, most notably the Mr. Quick restaurants. She ended her career working as a cook for a priory in Armada, MI. Ramona is preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Sigmund; and her son, Andrew. Her son Thaddeus (Sonia), a speech-pathologist, resides in Sault Ste. Marie, and her daughter Gina Caauwe (Ryan) reside in Muskegon and they have a son, Nolan. VISITATION with the family will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday, October 20, 2017 at The Lee Chapel, 6291 S. Harvey St., (231) 798-1100 with the Rosary prayed at 7:00 PM. THE FUNERAL MASS will be celebrated 9:00 AM Saturday morning, October 21, 2017 at St. Margaret Mary of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Allendale, MI (11358 Brown Ave., 49401). Burial to follow immediately after the Funeral Mass for those wishing to attend at East Dalton Oakhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the family will be appreciated. Share memories with the family at their On-line Guest Book at www.sytsemafh.com



Visitation

 **Friday**, October 20, 2017

 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



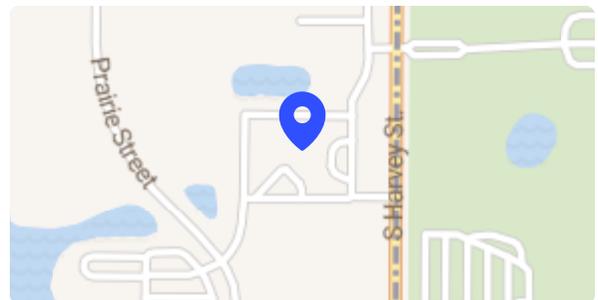
Rosary Service

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 7:00 PM ET

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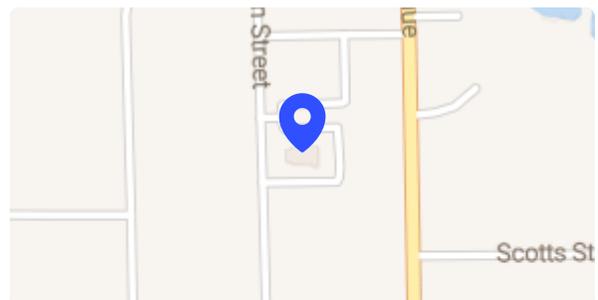
Funeral Mass

 **Saturday**, October 21, 2017

 9:00 AM ET

 **St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church**

11358 Brown St., Allendale MI 49401





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JB

Jannette Bole posted:

It saddens me to hear of Ramona's passing, as she was my first design prof who inspired me to be and do more in art and in life. She was a true inspiration. We would have deep, meaningful chats about art and life in general. She taught me about critique. I would take it so personally in the beginning, and she taught me to "never marry your design. You put it up, you show it, you defend it-- but you do not marry it." Those words still ring in my ears 20+ years later when I meet with clients, I visited Ramona a lot at home when she was taking care of Andrew when he was ill. I learned just how deep a mother's love goes--by watching what all she did to find a cure or something to help him feel better. When Andrew passed, it left a huge hole in her heart that never healed. When I graduated from a different college than where she taught me, she showed up at my home with her truck decorated with bales of hay, farm utensils, and dressed as a farmer with hay sticking out of her hair and bibs. She was a hoot! Over the years she sent cards sharing the successes of Thad and Gina-- she was always so proud of them and their accomplishments. She would call and share hilarious stories of cooking for the friars, with "accidents" caused by her poor sight (or lack thereof). Then we lost touch. Ramona lived life to the fullest and shared that enthusiasm with others. I'm sadden to no longer have her here on Earth, but it comforts me to know she was greeted in Heaven by God and her son Andrew and her vision will be restored 100% so she can take in the Glory of God and his majestic kingdom. My sincere condolences and prayers go out to all of her family. RIP Ramona.

October 24 at 8:58 AM

MW

Mardi Williams lit a candle in honor of Ramona.

Remembering a wonderful, artistic and dear heart. Please know how many lives Ramona touched. So very sorry to hear of your loss. In loving memory and in prayer. Sending hugs,Mardi Monroe Williams



October 19 at 7:11 PM

MT

Monica Tsethlikai sent a virtual gift in honor of Ramona.

Even though I grew up far away from all of you, Mona was always a part of our lives in Tucson due to the beautiful mural she painted in our house. I loved looking at it as a child as it was a peaceful place to imagine walking into and always reminded me that no matter how far away we were, we were loved by our relatives in Michigan. I send my love to you TJ and Gina and your families. Losing your mother is so hard especially in these circumstances. I wish I could be there to give you all a hug and meet your partners and your son Gina. God willing someday I will make it back to Muskegon. If you are ever in Phoenix, you have a place to stay. I really admired Mona's strength and resilience - her artwork was truly beautiful and will always remain as testimony to the beauty of her soul.



October 19 at 9:27 AM



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Ruth (Carr) Wilson posted:

I'm sorry for the loss of Ramona, I remember her fondly when we were young & goofy. RIP

October 19 at 4:52 AM



Clare Hable posted:

To the dear family of Ramona Rogalla: She was always larger than life, whatever she did she did with zeal! Especially her Faith and her love for God. I will always remember her frying eggs for Fr. B. and the wonderful teacher dinners. Ramona, you will always have a special place in my heart. With Prayers and Deepest Sympathy, Clare Hable and Family

October 18 at 5:50 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ramona by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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