



Carolyn L. Gmelich

January 6, 1938 - June 29, 2024

Carolyn Gmelich age 86 of Holly passed away on June 29, 2024.

The family will be receiving friends at the Calvary Methodist Church in Holly on July 6, 2024 from 11am until the time of her celebration of life at 2pm with Pastor Cliff Schroeder officiating. There will be a procession to Lakeside Cemetery. Following the burial, a luncheon will be served back at the church.

Carolyn was born the daughter of Maurice and Lillian Holzman on January 6, 1938. She graduated from Holly High School in 1956. It was there she met the love of her life Jack. She married Jack Gmelich on September 27, 1958.

Together they had three daughters and six grandchildren.

Carolyn worked at General Motors after high school for 5 years until she left to raise her three daughters. She later worked for Holly Area Schools as a parapro for 23 years. Upon retiring in 1995 Carolyn and Jack spent 20 years in Florida where she made many friends and was involved in many activities. She looked forward to visits from her children and grandchildren.

Carolyn lived her life to the fullest. She had an undeniable spirit and light about her. She made friends with everyone she met. She loved her family, teaching children, her church and her two beloved dogs Maggie and Daisy. She has many fond memories of her childhood and her bond with her sister Georgia.

Marrying her soul mate and her 3 daughters were her greatest accomplishments. She cherished her grandchildren and was so proud of each one. She was their biggest fan at their sporting events.

She found so much joy in family gatherings, playing bingo, card clubs, casino trips, golfing, bowling, snowmobiling and gardening.

She was a member of Holly Calvary Methodist Church. Where she taught Kids Club up until last year.

She was a member of the American Legion in Holly.

Carolyn is survived by her husband of 65 years Jack. Her children Jackie (Roger) Coleman,

Terri Young and Kathy Sue (Jeff) Richards. Her six grandchildren, Karly, Jack, Ashley, Colton (Annalisa), Craig (Katie), Kaily and her bonus grandson Elijah. Great-grandson River. Her beloved sister Georgia Carnes. Many nieces and nephews. Numerous special friends.

Carolyn was a social butterfly and was her happiest when she was “on the go”.

She will deeply be missed by everyone who was blessed to know her. We are left to cherish the numerous memories we have of her.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Fenton Adopt-A-Pet.

www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

Cemetery Details

Lakeside Cemetery

Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Holly Calvary Church
15010 N Holly Rd
Holly, MI 48442-1902
(248) 634-9711

Funeral Service

JUL 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Carolyn L. Gmelich*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - July 08, 2024 at 01:26 PM

DA

“ *I lived next door to Carolyn and Jack for a few years and they were the best neighbors one could ask for! I loved them very much and appreciated their friendship!
I just learned about Carolyn's passing and am so saddened. I wish I could have made the funeral and am sending love to Jack!*
-Danielle

Danielle - July 10, 2025 at 02:42 PM

PW

“ I am so very sorry that I had no idea that Carolyn had passed away, and now it is almost November. She was our cherished neighbor and a ray of light especially in the life of my mother, June Wiles. Knowing Carolyn since I was a child, it was later in my life that I truly saw her as more than just a friend to our family---she WAS family. I will always be thankful for our birthday "casino trips" she would take with Mom for many years when I needed to attend meetings up-north once a year---- and her kind spirit always showed through. Prayers and hugs to you all, and she will truly be missed and here is hoping she and Mom are living it up in Heaven---Patti Lynn Wiles-Smith

Patti Lynn Wiles-Smith - October 29, 2024 at 04:44 PM

LS

“ Lisa C Springsteen lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Gmelich



Lisa C Springsteen - July 06, 2024 at 03:15 PM

LS

“ Carolyn touched my life and blessed me with her love that one special day when her baby girl befriended me in 1977. Carolyn was always a ray of sunshine with sparkling eyes, a beautiful soul and wonderful hugs! Even after many years of not seeing Carolyn.....the hugs and smiles were as big as the ones in beginning that she always shared with me. I am blessed to have known Carolyn. She will be missed tremendously.....rest peacefully 'Mom Gmelich'. I will always hold a special place in my heart for you and Jack.

Lisa C Springsteen - July 06, 2024 at 03:14 PM

KR

Thank you, Lisa! I'm glad you have good memories of her hugs and smile! She loved you💕💕

Kathy Sue Richards - July 07, 2024 at 09:50 PM

KA

“ Caroline, what a wonderful lady. She was my bingo buddy. She was always so kind and caring. I will miss her very much

Kathy Allgood - July 05, 2024 at 10:26 PM

KR

I love that she was your bingo buddy! I know you will miss her!

Kathy Sue Richards - July 07, 2024 at 09:47 PM

SS

“ The light of this candle is the light Carolyn spread to everyone with her smile and love of life. I'm thankful for all the years of friendship and being her neighbor for so many years. Love and hugs to Jack and the family and prayers for their peace and comfort.



Shirley St. John - July 05, 2024 at 10:26 AM

LK

*“ We will miss Carolyn's beautiful smile and a chance to give her a big hug. Such a wonderful lady beautiful from the inside and out..
Lori and Chuck Keefer*

Lori Keefer - July 04, 2024 at 01:17 PM

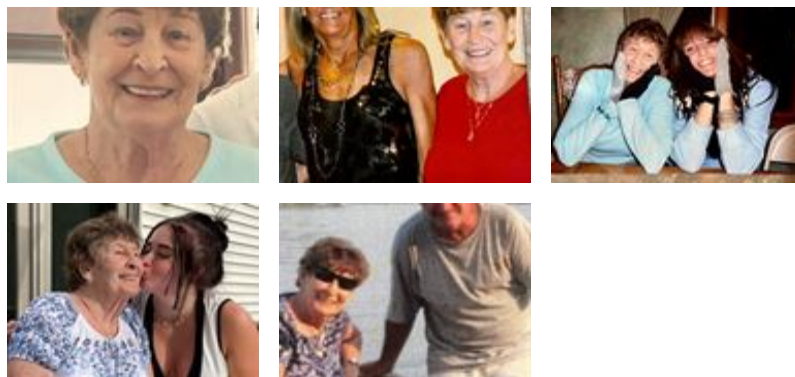
KM

“ Loved Carolyn starting many years ago when she and Jack took me under their wing and took me to Detroit to Ice Capades. Loved them both. Carolyn had that twinkle in her eye that meant fun mischief ahead! So happy for the gift of her friendship. Sending condolences to Jack and family.

karyn Moss - July 03, 2024 at 10:00 PM



“ 29 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - July 03, 2024 at 02:27 PM

TF

“ The Winglemire Family lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Gmelich



The Winglemire Family - July 03, 2024 at 12:40 PM

KR

“ Carolyn was always a joy to be around! She will be missed by many.



Kathy Rhoades - July 03, 2024 at 12:33 PM

RC

“ I remember her well. She was always upbeat, happy, cheerful . . . The world should have more like her. Richard Cronk

Richard Cronk - July 03, 2024 at 11:31 AM



“ Carolyn was such a beautiful lady. Anytime I saw her or thought of her I would smile. My sympathies to the family and friends. Heaven has welcomed a special angel.



Kathy Kantrud - July 02, 2024 at 02:40 PM

CR

“ It was a wonderful experience meeting Carolyn while working at Patterson Elementary. She was always so happy, I'll remember her always



Carla Rigsby - July 02, 2024 at 03:22 AM

H1

“ Our Holly High School Class of 1979, sends along our deepest condolences and sincere sympathy to our Holly High School Alumni Class of '80, Jackie, husband '77 Roger Coleman, Mr. Gmelich, family and close friends of dear Mrs. Carolyn L. Gmelich. Sending you all much love, strength and courage during this most difficult time. Peace💜🕊️💜

Holly High School Class of 1979 - July 02, 2024 at 01:23 AM

CD

“ Connie Austin Davis lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Gmelich



Connie Austin Davis - July 01, 2024 at 09:48 PM

CB

“ When we think of Carolyn we think of her smile. Always so sweet, fun and friendly. Our deepest sympathy. Love Chari and Terry Beecher



chari lynn beecher - July 01, 2024 at 09:00 PM

LF

“ Love Grant and Michelle Frownfelter purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Carolyn L. Gmelich.



Love Grant and Michelle Frownfelter - July 01, 2024 at 08:23 PM

DJ

“ I’m at a loss for words. She will be missed by everyone who knew her. When we did pasties at the church, I called her Mrs. Gmelich because she was a parapro for my son. One day she looked at me and said, “my name is Carolyn Denise”. So the fun started, when I would see her I would say hello Carolyn Denise. My deepest sympathy to Jack and the family.

Denise Jensen - July 01, 2024 at 02:55 PM

SR

“ Carolyn was such a wonderful. She brightened every room she walked into. Just a completely delightful person. Sue rataj

sue rataj - July 01, 2024 at 01:20 PM

KV

“ What a beautiful soul!! My partner in so much fun and laughter so grateful for our friendship.



Kim Vizzini - July 01, 2024 at 01:03 PM

CI

“ Chuck Ingles purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Carolyn L. Gmelich.



Chuck Ingles - July 01, 2024 at 12:03 PM

LO

“ Liz O'Berry lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Gmelich



Liz O'Berry - July 01, 2024 at 10:54 AM

KP

“ She was such a wonderful lady!



Kimberly Phillips - July 01, 2024 at 09:34 AM

KL

“ Prayer's and hugs to her family. I knew Carolyn through my parents and the uncles. Loved it when ever I ran into her and we would talk about her younger days growing up with my relatives. She will be greatly missed

Kay Ferguson Lacey - July 01, 2024 at 09:15 AM

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“ -Bernie Brooks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn L. Gmelich.

-Bernie Brooks - July 01, 2024 at 03:44 AM

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“ -Bernie Brooks purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Carolyn L. Gmelich.



-Bernie Brooks - July 01, 2024 at 03:44 AM

JP

“ Jaye Parker lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Gmelich



Jaye Parker - June 30, 2024 at 11:51 PM