



## Mrs. Caroline E. Fordyce

August 24, 1934 - February 24, 2025

Mrs. Caroline E. Fordyce  
Saginaw, Michigan

Caroline, a loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, cousin and dear friend was called home to her Lord on Monday, February 24, 2025, at Independence Village. Caroline Esther (Schmidt) Fordyce was born on August 24, 1934, in Saginaw, Michigan, to the late Moritz and Hilda (Bittner) Schmidt. She was married to Jack E. Fordyce on August 28, 1954, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. After 46 years of marriage, Jack predeceased by her on May 18, 2001.

Caroline is survived by her children, Michael Fordyce of California, Kathleen (James) Bernardoni, Saginaw; son-in-law, Scott Gilmore, Saginaw; grandchildren, Patrick Barger, Christopher Barger, Nicole Gilmore and Melissa Gilmore and fiancée, Timothy Green, Deborah (Michael) Bernardoni, Michael (Kathlyn) Bernardoni; 8 great-grandchildren: Cassandra (Kyle) Redder, Alexia Bordeau, Brooklyn Bordeau, Dakota Bordeau, Kyle Gilmore, Lucas Green, Tarik Bernardoni and Theodan Bernardoni; her brothers and their spouses, Marvin (Karen) Schmidt, and Lloyd (Gail) Schmidt; several nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members and dear friends.

She was predeceased by her daughter, Victoria Gilmore on November 16,

2014, and her son, Timothy Fordyce on July 30, 2023.

After raising her children, Caroline then worked in floral design at Gaertner's Greenhouse for several years. She was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, where she had volunteered on the Altar Guild, Ladies Guild, helping with the funeral luncheons and several other activities.

Friends are welcome to visit with the family on Friday, February 28, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc. 1218 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw.

The Celebration of Caroline's life will take place 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 1, 2025, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 600 Court St., Saginaw. Pastor Kurt Brandon will officiate with burial in Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery, Saginaw, where she will be laid to rest next to her husband, Jack. Friends are welcome to visit with the family at the church on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Those wishing to express their sympathies are asked to consider memorial contributions to Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Memories and sympathies of Caroline may be shared with the family on her memorial website at [WakemanFuneralHome.com](http://WakemanFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery

4700 Brockway Rd.  
Saginaw, MI 48638

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 28. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc.  
1218 N. Michigan Ave.  
Saginaw, MI 48602  
(989) 752-8531  
wakemanfh@charter.net

## Visitation

MAR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
600 Court St.  
Saginaw, MI 48602

## Funeral

MAR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
600 Court St.  
Saginaw, MI 48602

## Graveside Committal Service

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MAR 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Although the miles prevented us from seeing them often, both Aunt Caroline and Uncle Jack left me with many fond memories; the times at Stevenson Lake, Grandma's house, Yellowstone, and especially when they came to visit us in California! You'll be missed.  
❤️--David Savio

David Savio - February 27, 2025 at 10:19 PM

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“ Caroline was a Volunteer here at the Ablelight/Bethesda Thrift shop for years. She was always smiling and such a joy to work with. She will be missed.



Ablelight Thrift Shop - February 27, 2025 at 12:45 PM

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“ Aunt Caroline and Uncle Jack were my godparents and I have some great memories of them during my childhood. I'll always remember them with love and affection.  
Roxann Kalski

Roxann Kalski - February 25, 2025 at 02:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Caroline E. Fordyce.

February 25, 2025 at 02:37 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Caroline E. Fordyce.* ”



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