



## Beverly Ann Skelley

July 23, 1929 - December 18, 2022

Beverly Ann Skelley, age 93, passed away on December 18, 2022 at her home after a long, wonderful, and blessed life. She was born on July 23, 1929 in Detroit. Beverly was a graduate of Lincoln Park High School, Marygrove College, and earned her Master of Education and Master's of Arts at Wayne State University. She was a current resident of Royal Oak and Elk Rapids. Beverly will be remembered as a nurturing mother and wife, a role model extraordinaire, burner of Thanksgiving carrots, an avid reader, being endlessly and intellectually curious, a lover of music, a gardener, china painter, sewing hobbist, world traveler and provider of good counsel. She was "tough as nails" and a three time cancer survivor.

Beverly was predeceased by her parents, Beulah and Jimmy Cole; husband, Stuart Skelley; grandson Kyle Wydra, brother Richard Cole and son-in law, Walt Blanton. She is survived by her children, Bob (Melanie Bazil) Wydra, Amy (Steve) Cleary, Dan (Lorraine) Wydra, Beth Baker and Jennifer Wydra. Step-mother of Carol Blanton, and Reverends Joan (Roger) Skelley-Watts. Proud grandmother of Matteo (Matt) Cleary, Ian Cleary, Jake Wydra, Charlie (Kasey) Baker, Dane Baker, Tessa Baker, Sam Baker, and step-grandmother of Andrew (Katie) Watts and Kathryn Skelley-Watts. Great grandmother of Olive Jane Kronik. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews. She rescued her faithful companion, Cooper, who was always loyally at her side.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, December 29th from 9:30 am until time of Mass 10 am at St. Mary Catholic Church, Royal Oak. Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers to Elk Rapids Garden Club, <<https://www.elkrapidsgardenclub.com/support/>>, ChildFund, <<https://www.childfund.org/ways-to-donate/>>, or Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan <<http://www.grrom.com/donate.html>> are appreciated. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Oakview Cemetery

1032 N. Main Street  
(south of 12 Mile Road)  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

DEC **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
730 S. Lafayette Avenue  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ Beverly was sent by God into Stuart Skelley's life at the perfect time. She gave him love, purpose, happiness, support, strength and faith. She was a true blessing to us all, and went out of her way to include us into her family as one. Our prayers are with all of her family and friends. As mutual animal lovers, donation is being made to Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan. Peace, Reverend Joan and Roger Skelley-Watts, Andrew and Kathryn.

J. Roger Skelley-Watts - December 27, 2022 at 05:55 PM

SC

“ I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of this beautiful life. May the special memories you made together help you through this difficult time.

Sybil Carter - December 21, 2022 at 07:17 AM

JF

“ I would like to extend my sincere sympathy to the family. Although I didn't know Beverly personally, she clearly will be missed by many. I pray you have time to share some wonderful memories in the days to come.

Jan Forhan - December 20, 2022 at 05:03 PM

MP

“ I am truly sorry to hear about your mom. May she rest in peace. I respectfully offer my condolences to your family. I hope everything goes well for your family.”



Mohammed Parvez - December 20, 2022 at 05:00 PM

FP

“ Sorry for your loss Jennifer. May your mom RIP. Praying for you and your family during this time.



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**Farid Premjee** - December 20, 2022 at 04:26 PM

RD

“ I'm so very sorry for your family's loss, Jennifer. May the wonderful memories you have of your mother and knowing she is at peace help you through this time. Thinking of you all.



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**Rosie Dusseau** - December 20, 2022 at 11:57 AM

RG

“ I will miss my best friend and Elk Rapids neighbor! All of those warm sunny days sitting in your backyard reading. Rest in Peace friend.

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**Rosemary Grossa** - December 20, 2022 at 10:34 AM