



Dolores Murphy

October 23, 1914 - October 27, 2020

Dolores Mary Murphy, of Clawson and Royal Oak, passed away peacefully on October 27, 2020 at the age of 106. She was born in Beaumont, Texas on October 23, 1914 to Cornelius and Aetna (Bonner) Knaggs.

Dolores moved to Royal Oak in 1927 and graduated from St. Mary High School in 1932. In 1938, she married John Dallard Murphy. John was a tool and die worker by trade and served as Oakland County Clerk - Register of Deeds from 1964-1968. Together they raised their six children: Michael, Shane (the late Mary Ellen), Kathleen, Sheila, Bridget (the late Jack) Waldvogel and Timothy (Beth) in the Detroit Metro area. The family moved back to Royal Oak in 1955.

After her children were older, Dolores worked as a teller at St. Mary Credit Union. She later managed the credit union until her retirement at the age of 70. She returned to work at the age of 83 doing clerical work for a company that converted paper records to microfiche.

Often asked about the secret of longevity, she would always answer, "hard work" and (after age 70) a Manhattan cocktail every evening!

Dolores was predeceased by her husband, John; son, Michael; and great granddaughter, Ellie. She is survived by her children, ten grandchildren and

27 great grandchildren.

Visitation Thursday, October 29, from 3-9:00 pm at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak. In state Friday, October 30, from 10:00 am until the time of the Funeral Mass 10:30 am at Christ, Our Light! Catholic Church, 3077 Gloucester Road, Troy. Burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Focus: HOPE, 1400 Oakman Blvd., Detroit, MI 48238, www.focushope.edu/donate. Share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W. 10 Mile Road
10 Mile Road @ Beech Road
Southfield, MI 48033

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **29**. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
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<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Funeral Mass

OCT **30**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Christ Our Light Catholic Church
3077 Gloucester Road
Troy, MI 48084

Tribute Wall

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“ *My fond memories of Aunt Dolores are too many to list. She opened up her house to my whole family countless upon countless times. She was a superior cook. Wonderful holidays and every kind of event, Dolores and her family's graciousness were extraordinary. I fear we were the guests that didn't know when to leave.. Aunt Dolores always remembered my birthday with not only generosity but also with incredible thoughtfulness. When my brother and I were quite young, we rode our bikes to Aunt Dolores' house one day, just showing up at the back door. Dolores sat us down and served us an incredible glass of iced tea. I didn't think I liked iced tea, but this iced tea was just delicious. And that was Aunt Dolores. She had style.*

Amy Knaggs

Amy Knaggs - October 29, 2020 at 06:03 PM

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“ *She was a great help to me as we were early depositors at St Mary's Credit Union And to the Church and school. Rest In Peace dear friend* 🙏🙏💕💕💕💕💕💕

Mary Ann Kelly Krygier - October 29, 2020 at 02:48 PM

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“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Brendan - October 28, 2020 at 09:20 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Dolores Murphy.*



October 28, 2020 at 07:54 PM



“ *Grandma Murphy's been a part of the Fogle and Clinton families for many years. I was lucky enough to be able to see her often when I came back to RO. She worked with my mother, Aunt Catherine and many of their contemporaries for Fr. Coughlin at the Shrine. She opened my first savings account, which was at St. Mary Credit Union, long before her son married my sister. She also was my boss at National Bank of Royal Oak. Her many kindnesses to my family were legendary. She will be missed by all.*

Anne Fogle

Anne Fogle - October 28, 2020 at 06:19 PM