



## Dora Virginia Richards

September 3, 1934 - March 8, 2020

Dora V. Richards, age 85, died March 8, 2020 in Royal Oak. She was born on September 3, 1934 in Paducah, KY to Guy and Ida Casey. She married Alfred on March 6, 1954 at St. John the Evangelist in Detroit and just celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary. She was a longtime resident of Ferndale. Beloved husband of Al who adored her; Dora was a loving wife and their love is eternal.

Loving mother of Ann Venier, Tom (Raenette) Richards, the late Alfred "Butch" Richards and Tim (Tina) Richards.

Proud grandmother of Amy Venier, Holly (James) Matson, David (Kristin) Venier, Andrew Venier (Nick Board), Melissa (Justin) Niemi, Jennifer (Don) Bussa, Tabitha (Steve) Scherphorn, Tiffany (Randy) Richards, Tim Richards, Siobion Richards, Thomas Richards, and Peadar Richards.

Adored great-grandmother of Elle Forrester, Maddy Matson, Abby Matson, Jack Venier, Harper Venier, Sam Scherphorn, Kali Scherphorn, Hunter Niemi, Bella Bussa, Landon Bussa, and Declan Bussa.

Dear sister of Ed (Ruth) Casey, the late Lucille Fuller, Ladine Newton, Ozelle Casey, Buck Casey, Marcella Boschert, Bobbie Mayfield and Malcolm Casey.

Dora is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Dora lived a long, full life and surrounded by the ones she loved. She was a nature enthusiast, with a keen eye for birds. She could tell a bird by its nest, call or appearance and often recorded them to listen to during the winter months. Dora was also an avid reader who loved to curl up with a novel or a stack of crossword puzzles. Her most favorite place in the world was the family cabin in the Upper Peninsula. She enjoyed being by the campfire, looking for stars and satellites or fishing in the boat with Al. When she wasn't at the cabin, she loved family gatherings and was always happiest when her family was together sharing their love for each other.

Visitation Tuesday 3-8 pm with a 7:30 pm scripture service at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. Funeral Wednesday, in-state 9:30 am until time of Mass 10 am, St. Mary Catholic Church, Royal Oak. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 10. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Scripture Service

MAR 10. 7:30 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Mass

MAR 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

TO

“ Today while I was sitting in the church listening to the funeral service for Gram, I looked up at the stained glass window of the Virgin Mary behind the alter. As I was looking at the beautiful window I could see the shadows of the birds flying outside. It made me think of the words that I had read that said that gram loved birds. It made me smile to think that her spirit just might be out there with those birds.

Gram was my very best friend Holly's grandma and I have know her for a very, very long time. It was a privilege to have known her. I will forever remember spending time with her and Pop at their cabin in the upper peninsula. I will also remember going with Holly to visit them at their house many times.

Gram was always so kind and caring. She instantly made me feel at home. Almost like a part of her family.

I will always remember her and miss her.

I wish her family comfort, peace and love!!

Tina Odett

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Tina Odett - March 11, 2020 at 07:42 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dora Virginia Richards.



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March 10, 2020 at 09:17 AM

CP

“ Continental Automotive Systems, Inc. - BU PSS purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Dora Virginia Richards.



Continental Automotive Systems, Inc. - BU PSS - March 10, 2020 at 07:07 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dora Virginia Richards.



March 10, 2020 at 05:33 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dora Virginia Richards.



March 09, 2020 at 10:25 PM

PB

“ She was a lovely lady and a beautiful soul. Always a smile and a kind word. Our thoughts and prayers for all your family.

Pam and Bob Bollerud - March 09, 2020 at 10:20 PM

AV

Thank you so much for sharing a memory. ❤️

Amy Venier - March 09, 2020 at 11:57 PM

MC

“ *Monica, Joanna, and Children purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dora Virginia Richards.*



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**Monica, Joanna, and Children** - March 09, 2020 at 09:50 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dora Virginia Richards.*



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March 09, 2020 at 08:54 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Dora Virginia Richards.*



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March 09, 2020 at 07:00 PM

CR

“ The first time us boys meet Dora my mother had a big dinner for her, we were told to be on our best behavior (US).. After meeting Dora we began to eat and all of a sudden my brother Louie grabbed a hand full of mashed potatoes and rubbed them into his face while making a weird noise then he started to through them around the table even at Dora. Dora laughed ,my mother screamed. I never ask Dora what she thought of that day but I can only guess . **WHAT IN THE HELL AM I GETTING INTO, THESE BOYS ARE ALL CRAZY, BUT FUN** and she would have been right, and what could poor Al have said to her when that left? I'll have to ask him when I see him.

Charles Richards - March 09, 2020 at 06:55 PM

AV

This is such a great memory, Uncle Chuck! ❤️

Amy Venier - March 09, 2020 at 11:51 PM

HM

Oh my!!!! I love this!

Holly Matson - March 10, 2020 at 04:53 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dora Virginia Richards.



March 09, 2020 at 06:38 PM

LD

“ She always had a smile, a hug, and a kiss whenever you saw here. She will be truly missed.

Lynne Durham - March 09, 2020 at 06:36 PM

AV

♥ *She was love, pure and simple.*

**Amy Venier** - March 09, 2020 at 11:53 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dora Virginia Richards.*



March 09, 2020 at 06:24 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dora Virginia Richards.*



March 09, 2020 at 06:24 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dora Virginia Richards.*



March 09, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dora Virginia Richards.*



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March 09, 2020 at 06:07 PM



“ *She was the sister us boys never had,*

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**Ronald Richards** - March 09, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ *Joshua and Elle Forrester, Pam Cash purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dora Virginia Richards.*



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**Joshua and Elle Forrester, Pam Cash** - March 09, 2020 at 05:33 PM