



Elizabeth June Foley

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Formerly known as Bettie Cimini, she was born on Boston Blvd. in Detroit, with four siblings, and four half-siblings. Her father, George Cimini, was an immigrant from Opi, Italy who owned a chain of pharmacies in Detroit. Her mother, Jeannette Wagner, was from the coal fields in Pennsylvania. Her husband, Daniel R. Foley Jr., was chief of the Accounting Department at the Federal Reserve Bank, and her father-in-law, Daniel R. Foley Sr., helped found the Irish-American Autoworker's Union, and was the Chief Prosecuting Attorney for several counties in the state, and the Assistant Chief in Wayne County for many years. Before that the family lived for three generations in the city of Deerfield, Mi. She took the name Elizabeth when she retired after her mother-in-law, Elisabeth Reilly Foley, who was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention during FDR's presidency, was active with Dorothy Day in the Catholic Worker Movement, and helped establish the Vincent DePaul Society in Detroit.

The family moved to Royal Oak, Mi. in 1958 where she worked for Oakland County, starting in the Dog Licensing Dept. until she became the smiling face people saw when it was time for them to pay their fines. In 1975, they bought property in an apple orchard in Crystal Highlands, above Crystal Lake in

Benzie County, and built their dream house in the shape of a barn. Following the death of her husband, she retired there in 1986 where she was known for her many charitable activities in the region, and sang in the choir of St. Ann's Church in Frankfort, Mi. and was named Volunteer of the Year by the Gleaners. Her motto was: "give me the job nobody else wants." She continued these activities well into her 80's, and only stopped due to declining health.

Formerly a singer, auditioning with the Fred Warring and the Pennsylvanians, she choose instead to marry and have a family. She was especially fond on show tunes and Frank Sinatra, and was known to break out on in song with little provocation, including favorites "Life is just a bowl of cherries, don't take it serious, it's too delirious," and "The Conchita Banana Song:"

I'm Conchita Banana and I'm here to say
Eat a banana every day
Eat the banana and it makes you feel good,
But don't forget,
Never Put Your Banana in the Refrigerator

Elizabeth was the beloved wife of the late Daniel; loving mother of Daniel Roch Foley, Catherine (Frank) Kroll, Tracey Kelly, Beth (Greg) Maurer and Chris (Janis) Foley; proud grandmother of Steve (Anne) Hamlin, Amanda (Dave) Raimondo, Tara Lisa Foley, Brian (Meredith) Maurer, Allison Maurer, Shaylen, Eliza and Natasha Foley; great grandmother of Kyle and Keylie Hamlin, Ava and Beckett Maurer, Celia and Giovanni Raimondo; and dear sister of Barb Harris and the late Howard Cimini and Virginia Beals. Also preceded in death by daughter-in-law Joan Foley and son-in-law Daniel Kelly.

In addition to her five children, numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren, she had many friends during the course of her lifetime and was beloved by them.

Visitation Friday 2-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. prayer service at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. A private committal service will take place at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy on Saturday, Elizabeth's 94th birthday. Memorials to St. Ann Catholic Church, 508 Crystal Ave. Frankfort, MI 49635, or a charity of your choice are appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com <<http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com>>.

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
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Prayer Service

APR 1. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Foley family,
Your Florida cousins, Susan and Rick, send out our sympathy upon learning the loss of your dear mom., whom we have such good memories of.
Her ever ready smile and unabashed laughter. Aunt Bettie always seemed to be in the kitchen, toiling away among a riot of kids. I remember her wondering whether spring and summer would ever come so she could get to potting her geraniums and petunias for the barn house. We can only imagine the depth of your lose since her presence was so woven into your lives.
Our love to you all, Susan and Rick Beals

susan beals white - April 07, 2016 at 08:10 AM

MA

“ My condolences, Celina Arnao purchased the A Devoted Heart Casket Insert for the family of Elizabeth June Foley.



My condolences, Celina Arnao - April 01, 2016 at 11:09 AM

SF

“ Sincerely, Your Maple Manor Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elizabeth June Foley.



Sincerely, Your Maple Manor Family - March 31, 2016 at 05:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elizabeth June Foley.



March 31, 2016 at 12:50 PM



“ The McLaughlin Family of 503 W . Bloomfield express our condeolences to the Foley Family your Mother was a charismatic person who truly enjoyed life to the fullest. My dad is sorry he will not be able cherish and celebrate Elizibeth's life we are attending my nephews wedding and he still is at the Funeral home working . Our sincere sympathy love Rpm Sr , Jr , Janice , Gayle and Barb Mclaughlin



McLaughlin Family - March 31, 2016 at 11:14 AM



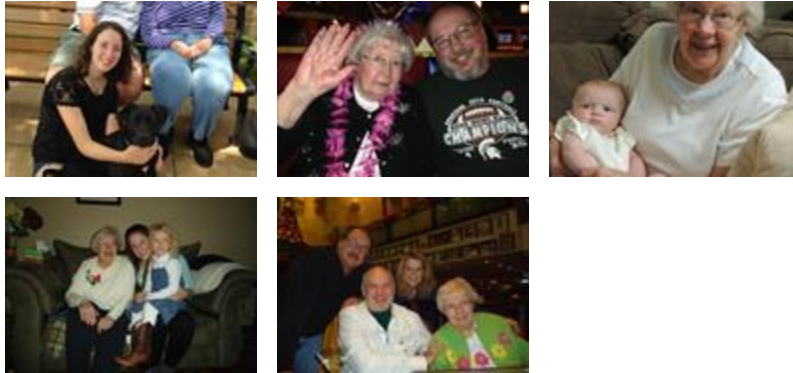
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Janis Foley - March 30, 2016 at 10:15 PM

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Janis Foley - March 30, 2016 at 09:59 PM

BM

“ *All my sympathy. Mrs. Foley was an iconic mom to not only her own kids, but to all the neighborhood gang on West Bloomfield Ave in Royal Oak. Growing up there, it was always a treat to go to Chris' house cause his mom was so great to us kids. She paid great attention to us all. Always cheerful, she will be missed and remembered fondly!!
love to you all. Bill Morey*

Bill Morey - March 30, 2016 at 08:58 PM

PC

“ *Loved growing up next to the Foley family! And we loved Mrs. Foley, so funny and kind to us all! My deepest sympathy to all the kids!
Pam Morey Clendenning*

pamela morey clendenning - March 30, 2016 at 04:07 PM

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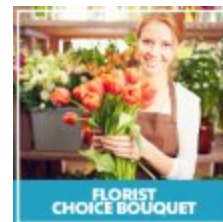
“ *My deepest sympathy, Mercedes Arnao purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Elizabeth June Foley.*



My deepest sympathy, Mercedes Arnao - March 30, 2016 at 03:15 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth June Foley.*



March 30, 2016 at 12:38 PM

PM

“ *Pam, Pat, Kathy, Nancy, Billy, and Jenny Morey purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elizabeth June Foley.*



Pam, Pat, Kathy, Nancy, Billy, and Jenny Morey - March 29, 2016 at 07:35 PM

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“ *What a great "mom next door" growing up on West Bloomfield- she enjoyed life and had a wonderful sense of humor- what a good model for retirement "up north" as well- May you rest in peace, "Mrs. Foley." Love, Nancy Morey O'Connor*

Nancy O'Connor - March 29, 2016 at 06:14 PM