



Joyce M. McGowan

July 23, 1933 - March 8, 2024

Joyce M. McGowan, age 90, passed away on March 8, 2024. She was born on July 23, 1933, in Memphis, MI to William Moir and Marjorie McPhee Moir. Joyce was a long-time resident of Huntington Woods and recently lived in Royal Oak.

Joyce and her husband, Francis "Micky," lovingly adopted six children. She had a passion for ceramics and maintained a kiln in her home where she taught ceramic classes. Joyce also enjoyed working in retail, particularly in jewelry, at Mervyn's and Kohl's, where she cherished socializing and interacting with people.

An active and independent individual, Joyce engaged in various activities, including golfing, bowling, visiting casinos, and playing bingo. She was an avid sports fan of the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions.

Joyce was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Micky McGowan, and her daughter Julie Piotrowski. She is survived by her children: Joyce McGowan, Thomas (Sharon) McGowan, Patrick McGowan, Robert McGowan, and Maryann (Brian) Grau. She is also survived by twelve grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Joyce was the dear sister of Linda Perry and the late Jack Moir and Betty

Schwartz.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 2-8 pm at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. A funeral Mass will take place on Friday, with visitation in-state at 9:30 am until the time of the Mass at 10 am at St. Mary Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Roseland Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital are appreciated.

Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

Roseland Park Cemetery

29001 Woodward Avenue
(NW corner of 12 Mile and Woodward)
Berkley, MI 48072

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 2:00 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/>

Funeral Mass

MAR 15. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Christine S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce M. McGowan.

Christine S. - March 13, 2024 at 06:44 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joyce M. McGowan.



March 13, 2024 at 03:50 PM



“ Frank and Amy Kopitz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce M. McGowan.

Frank and Amy Kopitz - March 13, 2024 at 03:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joyce M. McGowan.



March 13, 2024 at 12:20 PM

CJ

“Joyce scared the crap out of me when I was a kid (lol) and it didn't help that Maryann regularly came up with things to do that got us into a certain amount of trouble like a water fight with the kitchen sprayer when we were supposed to be cleaning up after dinner. Or sneaking out the basement window to go pool hopping down the street. She was also the person who kept me when Lisa got bit by our dog, and laughed at most of what we all got up to, and was a neighborhood mom to all of us neighborhood kids. Getting together at Pasquales those years ago to reminisce and hear childhood stories from her perspective was such a great night. I and my whole family will always remember her with the same deep affection we have for our years growing up together in HW. RIP Joyce.

Caryn Johnson - March 13, 2024 at 10:36 AM

TD

“Tom, John, Caryn, Lisa, Dawn purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Joyce M. McGowan.



Tom, John, Caryn, Lisa, Dawn - March 13, 2024 at 10:19 AM

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“Tom, John, Caryn, Lisa, Dawn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce M. McGowan.

Tom, John, Caryn, Lisa, Dawn - March 13, 2024 at 10:19 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joyce M. McGowan.



March 12, 2024 at 07:52 PM



“ Joyce was a special person she was always a pleasure to be around. She was a great cook and a very generous with her neighbors. I will miss hearing her hoot from her condo when the tigers would make a big play. My Christmas will not be the same with out her home made peanut brittle. She was truly a God send for our neighbors at Normandy Club Condominiums. May God shed his light upon her soul.

Mark Seidl

Mark Seidl - March 11, 2024 at 08:34 PM



“ Jami, Coy & Colt Perry purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joyce M. McGowan.



Jami, Coy & Colt Perry - March 11, 2024 at 07:54 PM



“ Jami, Coy & Colt Perry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce M. McGowan.

Jami, Coy & Colt Perry - March 11, 2024 at 07:54 PM

MC

“ I met your mom at a lunch held for Bettye Wright's TobeMc seniors at your house. She was so happy to be there and meet us all. She was so easy to talk with and share our conversations. She prepared some pretzel sticks for us to take home. She accompanied you to Bettye's house for Christmas lunch where I last saw her with you. God took her when He was ready. She won't miss earthly things because she is in heaven with the Lord looking down at the family and friends. You will see her again. God Bless you Maryann and family. Meda Chapman

Meda CHAPMAN - March 11, 2024 at 06:21 PM

TM

“ Taylor, Vanessa and Emma McGowan purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joyce M. McGowan.



Taylor, Vanessa and Emma McGowan - March 11, 2024 at 10:39 AM