



Lois J. Ryan

August 10, 1922 - September 20, 2016

Lois Joy Ryan (nee Hotte), age 94, passed away on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 after a short illness. She was born August 10, 1922 in Buffalo, New York. She was predeceased by Dale Emerson Ryan, her husband of 62 years. Surviving are her children, Roger (Jean) of Grand Haven, Stephen (Sue) of Lake Orion, Mark (Tere) of Royal Oak and Daneen (Michael) Roberts of Royal Oak; Her greatest joy was her grandchildren, Andrea (Dylan) Elliott, Kevin (Naomi) Ryan, Peter Ryan (Judy Emaus), Megan Roberts, Douglas, Austin and Bradley Ryan, and great-grandchildren, Sean, Colin and Kaitlin Elliott. She is also survived by brothers, E. Roger Hotte of Larchmont, NY, and Robert Hotte, of Pittsboro, NC.

The daughter of Antoinette and Edward Hotte, Lois graduated from Amherst Central High School in 1940 in Snyder, New York. She graduated from Michigan State College in 1944, with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics. While at Michigan State she was a member of the Judiciary Board, Spartan Women's League and Alpha Chi Omega. Upon graduation she returned to the Buffalo area as a supervisor in the Steel Mills feeding factory workers for the war effort. In 1947, after Dale returned from naval service in the South Pacific, they were married in Buffalo, New York. They settled in Royal Oak, Michigan where they raised their family.

Lois was an active member of First Presbyterian Church, Royal Oak where

she lived out her faith by serving as Elder and Deaconess, member of Youth Aiders and Lydia Circle, coordinator for the Cancer Sewing group, knitting coordinator which provided homemade items to local charities, and the Centennial Organ Committee. She loved to serve in many capacities; excelling in hospitality was her special gift. Songbirds and her garden were her therapy.

Visitation will be Friday, September 23 from 3-8 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak. Visitation will also be held Saturday, September 24 at 10 a.m., followed by funeral service at 11 a.m., at First Presbyterian Church Royal Oak. Interment at White Chapel Cemetery. Memorial contributions suggested to First Presbyterian Church Royal Oak or Salvation Army-Royal Oak Citadel. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23.** 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/>

Funeral Services

SEP **24.** 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak
529 Hendrie Boulevard
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Tribute Wall

CB

“ I was so sad to hear that Lois had passed away. She was so kind to me and a great lady that will be greatly missed. We had a lovely dinner at McCormick and Schmidt a few years ago. She was so gracious and giving of herself. And we all loved the awesome cinnamon rolls at Christmas.

Cheryl Brotz - November 30, 2016 at 08:26 PM

CE

“ To the Ryan family,
I lost one of my best buddies in the passing of Lois Ryan. Our friendship goes way, way back, probably close to 60 years ago. We worked together at the church with many activities, always having fun too. I have wonderful memories of Lois and Dale. Even when my husband and I moved out of the Royal Oak area, Lois kept in contact and wanted to know how we were doing. To her children, your mom was a very special lady and I will miss her greatly.
Sincerely,
Celia Snow

Celia - September 24, 2016 at 06:19 PM

RR

Thank you celia. Their friends were special
Roger Ryan
Grand Haven MI

Roger Ryan - September 26, 2016 at 01:35 PM

JK

“ To the entire Ryan Family -- Mrs. Ryan was a wonderful, joyful person and it was always a pleasure to be in her company. Out thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely, John & Kathy Kantarian

John E Kantarian - September 24, 2016 at 03:52 PM

JJ

“ Mark -- Prayers for God's peace and comfort for you and all who loved your Mom. The certainty that she is with the Lord is a tremendous blessing. Losing a parent always leaves a vacuum -- perhaps because they are the only ones who have always been there for us. I met your Mom only once -- just a few weeks ago when we had a memorial service for Cathy's Mom. She was serving coffee. Her smile was bright, her eyes were clear, and her personality was glowing. Even in only a few minutes of conversation, it was obvious that she was special. Best Regards, Jim Jackson

Jim Jackson - September 23, 2016 at 09:11 PM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lois J. Ryan.



September 23, 2016 at 10:32 AM

DA

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Lois' passing. It's been my pleasure to talk with her about her joy from being able to watch Detroit Public TV almost exclusively and listen to our WRCJ classical music, as well as her love of organ music and pride and love for her family, who have my condolences. I never got to meet Dale, but she told me how much he'd have appreciated the documentary we produced about Detroit's Houses of Worship. Most of all, I'll miss talking with Lois.

-- Dan Alpert, Detroit Public Television



Dan Alpert - September 22, 2016 at 03:05 PM

SS

“ The memories that stay with me deal with food and kitchen. Your Royal Oak home was the first one I ever saw with kitchen counters built to the height of the woman who held court there! And when I saw that the home ec major used her breezeway in the winter as a supplemental fridge (for things like jello molds), I adopted that idea, too. God bless you all and I thank you for the fun memories.

Sue Steinhagen - September 22, 2016 at 01:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lois J. Ryan.



September 21, 2016 at 09:15 PM