



Madelyn Maxine Dwyer

March 6, 1922 - August 14, 2018

Madelyn Maxine Dwyer (nee McComb) passed in her sleep following a brief illness on August 14, 2018 at the age of 96. She was born in Vassar, Michigan on March 6, 1922 and moved to Royal Oak in 1950. For the past 2 ½ years she had been a resident of Boulevard Nursing Center in Rochester Hills.

Madelyn married William "Bill" Dwyer on January 25, 1941 in Clawson, Michigan. Together they raised five children, William Jr., Sharon, Michael, Gary and Sandra.

She devoted much of her life to raising her family and loved and protected her children with the tenacity of a mother bear. Her daughter Sandy liked to describe her as a cross between Edith Bunker and the "Where's the Beef?" lady from the 70's Wendy's commercials. She was the sweetest, most loving woman, totally devoted to her family, but don't mess with her, especially when it came to her kids!

With the children grown, she took a part-time job as a cashier at Hilzinger Ace Hardware in Royal Oak where she worked for over 20 years. She loved the Saturday morning hustle of customers coming in to purchase supplies for their weekend projects and her young co-workers who often referred to her as "Mom". She retired to become a full-time caregiver to her husband, Bill.

She was a member of St. Mary Magdalen Church in Hazel Park for 67 years and served as an usher, on the funeral luncheon and Fall Festival committees and as an active member of its 50 Plus Group. She was also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles (Auxiliary 2092) in Royal Oak and was honored as one of its longest members having joined in the 1940s. She belonged to the Daughters of Isabella (K of C Women's Auxiliary) as well.

Madelyn enjoyed Bingo, listening to lively music (especially Polkas), playing cards and socializing with friends. She continued to drive into her nineties and would often pick a road just to see where it would lead. Above all, she loved spending time with her family. She will be sorely missed by her family and friends for her caring nature and sweet disposition.

Loving wife of William for 59 years. Devoted mother of William, Jr., the late Sharon Grant, Michael, Gary (Christine) and Sandra (the late Terry) Navratil. Treasured grandmother of the late Dawn (Brian) Steckroth, Jennifer Grant, Victoria (Scott) White, and Ashley and Andrea Navratil. Beloved great-grandmother of Justin and Megan Steckroth and Matthew and Madeline White. She also leaves behind many loving nieces and nephews, friends and caregivers.

The Family prefers memorial tributes to St. Jude Children's Research Fund.

Family will receive friends Thursday 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. with Rosary 7 p.m. at William Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W.11 Mile Rd., Royal Oak (4 blocks east of Woodward). Funeral Mass Friday at 11:00 a.m. (in-state at 10:30 a.m.) at St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, 50 E Annabelle Ave, Hazel Park.

~ Lovingly submitted by family ~

Cemetery Details

Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Cemetery

38425 Garfield Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 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/>

Rosary

AUG 16. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

AUG 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

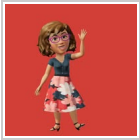
St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
50 E. Annabelle
Hazel Park, MI 48030

Tribute Wall

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“ Somehow, even as neighbors, we were unaware of Madelyn's passing, and are saddened to hear about it. She and Bill were good neighbors; I still have purple coneflower that he gave me oh so many years ago. Rest in Peace. Sara and Ron Nickerson.

Sara and Ron Nickerson - April 27, 2021 at 06:49 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Aunt Madelyn's passing. She was loved very much
Pete and Connie Tossava and family

Connie Tossava - August 19, 2018 at 01:27 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Madelyn Maxine Dwyer.



August 16, 2018 at 10:42 AM

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“ Carol Dwyer sent a virtual gift in memory of Madelyn Maxine Dwyer



Carol Dwyer - August 16, 2018 at 06:26 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Madelyn Maxine Dwyer.*



August 15, 2018 at 10:22 PM