



Marian Grace Raniszewski

October 8, 1941 - April 11, 2015

Marian Grace Raniszewski

10/8/1941 - 4/11/2015

On the morning of April 11, 2015 the Raniszewski family experienced a sad beginning to the day with the death of Marian. Mom's daughter, our sister, aunt, good friend and teacher. She was a private person, but everyone that knew her, knew something about her that made them appreciate her presence and friendship. Always giving, kind and insightful, loved life, laughter and full of grace. She began her teaching career with a vocation as a Grand Rapids Dominican Nun. Graduated from Aquinas College with a BS in Education and Religious Studies. As a Sister she taught in several Catholic schools in various cities in Michigan. For the past thirty three years she taught in the lower elementary grades at the Shrine of the Little Flower, teaching for a total of forty years. Marian was one with nature and one with her God, always giving Him the praise and glory for her given day. She loved her dogs and enjoyed sharing ones dog stories. She really enjoyed her sports and knew her teams and statistics of individual players and lived on the method of being a fair team player. In her last days she struggled and tried to challenge herself until it all became a concern of winning to achieve the Glorious End. Her father proceeded her in death in 2006; surviving are her (98) mother Betty; two brothers Dave (Kathy) and John; one niece Leona (Jan); and one nephew Thomas (Kris).

The Memorial Liturgy will be at the Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, 2100 W. 12 Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48067 on Friday, April 24, 2015, with a family gathering at 9:30 a.m. until the time of the Memorial Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. Memorial contributions may be given to Shrine Grade School, 1621 Linwood, Royal Oak, MI 48067 or Grand Rapids Dominican Sister Retirement Fund, 2025 Fulton Street East, Grand Rapids, MI 49503-3895. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

APR **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica
2100 W. 12 Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Marian lit a candle in memory of Marian Grace Raniszewski*



Marian - December 09, 2023 at 03:39 PM

SH

“ *Sharon lit a candle in memory of Marian Grace Raniszewski*



Sharon - December 18, 2015 at 12:24 PM

SH

“ *So sad to see such a good soul leave this world, you have my respects. God bless.*

Sharon - December 18, 2015 at 12:23 PM

JO

“ *I had her as a 4th grade student, then was able to come back and work with her for 7 yrs. She loved talking sports. She loved her Detroit teams.. She will be miss. RIP Miss. Marian.*

joe - April 23, 2015 at 07:17 PM

BC

“ *Bev DesChamps LaLonde Representing Our Classmates purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Marian Grace Raniszewski.*



Bev DesChamps LaLonde Representing Our Classmates -
April 21, 2015 at 09:31 AM

AF

“ Dear family and friends of Marian. I met Marian at Aquinas Institute in Grand Rapids, Mi. She was my suite mate for three summers, had it not been so, I would never have learned how to play "gin rummy" and it has made all the difference. Marian was someone who made you feel as though you had known her all your life. She was filled with a certain peace and tranquility that tumbled out her in smiles, laughter and an occasional trick. She became a life long friend who initiated a phone call to me in Minnesota each year, keeping me up dated on her life as it passed from teaching fourth grade at Royal Oak, to purchasing her first house, to deciding on a Suburban as her means of travel, ,to spoiling her guard dogs, to lovingly caring for her precious mom, to the occasional trip to Alpena, and finally, retirement . I wish I could have given her a final hug, but illness was never on her updates...I remember telling her once, "Now Marian, if you decide to go back home to your God, please let me know won't you?.....That call came in the gentle, strong and loving voice of her brother John on the evening of April 13th. We shared tears, stories and comforting words I will be forever be grateful for.... John and Mariam, living beautitude people, the best of the best, who I am gifted to know and love forever....Oh go in beauty Marian, Peace be with you till we meet again in the LIGHT. Your old Grand Rapids "suite mate", Sr. Annette Fernholz,SSND, You can call me anytime from your new home. Now if Detroit beats the Twins this year I'll know you've been up to something mystical again.....I love you forever....Annette

Annette Fernholz - April 19, 2015 at 02:01 PM

AF

“ Annette E. Fernholz,SSND lit a candle in memory of Marian Grace Raniszewski



Annette E. Fernholz,SSND - April 19, 2015 at 01:04 PM