



## Marilyn Anne Maddox

February 6, 1929 - January 15, 2018

Marilyn Anne Maddox, age 88, of Pleasant Ridge, passed away January 15. Beloved wife of Myles for 68 years; loving mother of Marc, Mason (Diane) and the late Mitchell; dear sister of Richard Burgess and the late John Burgess; proud grandmother of Mason, Merideth and Matthew and great grandmother of Suzanna Maddox-Aicher. Marilyn Maddox had an infectious smile and was always upbeat. She had many loves and talents, including, but not limited to, gardening, cooking, baking, going for walks, and interior decorating. She was a long-time bridge teacher, and a great player, having amassed one of the largest total of master points in Michigan. She was a great teammate and a feared, while respected and loved, opponent. Marilyn was always impeccably dressed. Of all of her loves, first was her family—she was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. If one word were used to try to describe Marilyn Maddox it would be "Classy". Visitation Friday 4-8 p.m. and Saturday 10:30 a.m. until time of the funeral service 11:30 a.m. at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak, MI 48067. Memorials to Angela Hospice or Michigan Anti-Cruelty are appreciated. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Roseland Park Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 19.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
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## Visitation

**JAN 20.** 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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JAN 20. 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Marilyn Maddox, a woman of style, grace, beauty and one of my mothers best friends. She was in the "club" group that my mother speaks so much of, all these years. When I was lucky enough to join the ladies at their luncheons, or gatherings, she was someone I always thought was stylish and beautiful. As a child, I would call her the "cat lady" as we shared our stories and love for the cats/kittens in our lives. I remember you fondly Marilyn, as you had a positive place in my life growing up. Beth Simmons-Stepke*

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**Beth Simmons Stepke** - January 29, 2018 at 06:42 PM

BB

“ *My prayers and condolences to Mr. Maddox and the entire Family. Mrs. Marilyn Maddox was a wonderful lady and great Bridge Player who mastered the art of being fiercely competitive and kindhearted at the same time. Precious Memories! Brenda Braceful*



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**Brenda Braceful** - January 20, 2018 at 01:40 PM

CK

“ For 23 years I have counted Myles and Marilyn as near neighbors - two doors away. Over that time they have become dear friends as well as great neighbors. Marilyn was an exceptional woman with her ready smile, sense of humor and love of good conversation. She was gracious, kind and generous. She knew how fond I was of her delicious brownies and lemon bread, and even as recently as last summer she saw to it on my birthday that Myles brought over a gift bag with my favorite treats. She always thought of others, and I don't think there's a greater tribute any of us can give her than to say that about her. Her passing leaves us saddened, but her life with all of us has made us better .

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**Charles Kellett** - January 18, 2018 at 11:09 PM

HP

“ Howard Perlman and Linda Perlman purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marilyn Anne Maddox.



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**Howard Perlman and Linda Perlman** - January 18, 2018 at 05:54 PM

HP

“ I am so sorry that I will not be in town to attend. Marilyn and Myles have been a special part of my life for over 50 years. Marilyn was the epitome of class, a beautiful woman that everyone rightfully adored. We will miss her infectious smile and think of her often! My deepest condolences to Myles and the family.  
Howard Perlman

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**Howard Perlman** - January 18, 2018 at 05:45 PM

SB

“ *My deepest sympathies and condolences to my Uncle Myles, my cousins, Marc, Mason and Mason's spouse, Diane. My beautiful Auntie Marilyn was truly one of the most loving, compassionate and generous beings I have had the pleasure of knowing. Her ability to turn any unpleasant situation into something positive was uncanny. One of my fondest memories was the Christmas we spent together in 2013. In my mind it will be the most wonderful holiday I have ever experienced. Her heartfelt spirit will live eternally, and although I am so saddened by her passing I know this most fabulous angel who touched so many will continue to perform her magic. My love goes out to all those who had the great honor and privilege to know her.*

*Scott Burgess*

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**Scott Burgess** - January 17, 2018 at 12:49 PM

GH

“ *Gary Hann lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Anne Maddox*



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**Gary Hann** - January 17, 2018 at 08:30 AM

GH

“ 7 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Gary Hann** - January 17, 2018 at 06:36 AM

BA

“ *Bill and Sandy Arlinghaus purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Marilyn Anne Maddox.*



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**Bill and Sandy Arlinghaus** - January 16, 2018 at 06:49 PM

BA

“ We both have such great and vivid memories of Marilyn that we will treasure. Our lives intersected in so many ways with both Marilyn and Myles. Bill remembers taking driver training from Myles when Bill was in high school. From that interesting beginning, a broad set of contacts emerged. Over the next 57 years, Bill enjoyed playing on teams with Marilyn and Myles, and Sandy enjoyed working with Marilyn on bridge hospitality....from the early days at the Dearborn Youth Center when Bill and Sandy ran the tournaments with a critical assist from Joan Remey who recruited Marilyn for us, as the very best in Detroit! Sandy found Marilyn an important part of the team for the 2008 NABC in Detroit (national bridge tournament) that we ran together with Ron Horwitz and 200 other local volunteers. Marilyn was always there, ready to work with a big smile on her face and considerable talent to offer. Later, in 2011, when Bill and I served as local hosts for the United States Bridge Federation Senior and Women's Trials, Marilyn did an incredible job of creating a team of women to produce 60 dozen homemade cookies for the hospitality suite! To this day, when we go to national tournaments, the world-class bridge players who participated in the 2011 event, ask us about the wonderful 'cookie-lady' of Detroit. We will be sad to say at the next nationals that she is no longer with us. However, her memory obviously is, perhaps even in places unimagined by her local bridge partners! With deepest sympathy, Bill and Sandy Arlinghaus.

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Bill and Sandy Arlinghaus - January 16, 2018 at 06:43 PM

RH

“ It was my great honor to have known Marilyn for over 55 years through bridge. Everything said in her obituary captured her perfectly. My thoughts are with Myles and his entire family at this sad time. I am so sorry I will not be able to be at either a visitation or the funeral since I am leaving the country early Friday morning.

*Ron Horwitz*

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**Ronald Horwitz** - January 16, 2018 at 01:49 PM

LM

“ Marilyn was the queen of Detroit bridge. I played against her from 1970 and she was always a gracious, sensible, empathetic, and such such a classy lady. I was honored in November of 2016 when Marilyn and Myles showed up at Beaumont hospital to see me following my triple bypass surgery. She was undergoing chemotherapy and she thought that it was important that she show up to give me positive feelings. She was always impeccably dressed, and always nice to me. I will miss her a lot.

*Larry Mori*

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**Larry Mori** - January 16, 2018 at 11:40 AM

RF

“ Richard's Foodporium purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Marilyn Anne Maddox.



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**Richard's Foodporium** - January 16, 2018 at 10:22 AM

CK

“ Carol and Dennis Kasle purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Marilyn Anne Maddox.



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**Carol and Dennis Kasle** - January 15, 2018 at 11:05 PM



“ Henry and I played in many team games with Marilyn and Myles and always had a good time. We won our fair share too. She always played well. Will miss her a lot. Mary Smith

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**Mary Smith** - January 15, 2018 at 08:13 PM

WG

“ Marilyn was a class act whether at the bridge table or way from it. A wonderful witty and beautiful person. She was a great competitor at the bridge table and her battling the illness she suffered. She will be missed.

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**walter goldsmith** - January 15, 2018 at 07:12 PM

NM

“ So glad we were able to honor and celebrate both Marilyn and Myles in July 2015. Here's a photo some of the many people who knew, admired and loved her. That includes me!! Sending love to all of you!



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**Nathanson Marilyn** - January 15, 2018 at 06:06 PM

BJ

“Marilyn was a very special lady. She was loved by everyone,,,,,she gave me a luncheon for one of my birthdays,,,she loved to entertain and was s master at doing it.....we will all miss you dear marilyn❤️  
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brenda jaffe - January 15, 2018 at 05:49 PM



Our love goes to Myles and his family. Marilyn was our dear friend and we will miss her so very much. Susan and Gordie

Susan Parnes - January 15, 2018 at 08:26 PM

CA

There are not enough adjectives to adequately describe Marilyn. She excelled in all she did. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great- grandmother, a fierce competitor, and a wonderful friend! She will be missed by so many.  
Carol and Dennis

Carol - January 15, 2018 at 10:40 PM

CD

Marilyn was one in a million....when I grow up, I want to be just like her.

Connie Dugger

Connie Dugger - January 16, 2018 at 05:22 PM

MC

Marilyn was caring, energetic, and charming. Over the past five years we have connected by writing notes ( a lost art) and phone calls. Whenever I visited Michigan, we got together. I will miss her and her eternal optimism and fighter mentality. She was the epitome of a lady. Love to Myles and the family. Mary- Jo Chiesa

Mary-Jo Chiesa - January 16, 2018 at 08:05 PM

GH

*Radiant and always impeccable and gorgeous, Marilyn was never anything but genuine and humble to a fault. She was truly a queen wherever she went, with a perpetual smile. It would be impossible for me to repay Marilyn for all that she did for me, much of it unseen.*

*Marilyn never turned down a request for her help, and never failed to produce to perfection. (She has taken with her the secret of array upon array of delectable desserts, and yet herself the epitome of slenderness)!*

*Irreplaceable could not fully describe Marilyn's presence and impact in her uniquely quiet and homespun manner. Grace characterized everything Marilyn did, always selflessly and in good cheer.*

*Among bridge players, everyone admired Marilyn's tenacity at the table, and her unflappable charm, whether in victory (often) or defeat. She was widely sought as a teammate, and won frequently while having fun at the same time. More important, Marilyn was indeed the poster lady for being a winner in life.*

*I'm deeply saddened, the more so that I can't arrange to be there to say goodbye, enjoy that last figurative hug, and blow a final kiss. 50 years was not long enough to know you, Marilyn. My heartfelt sympathy to Myles and the entire family, along with thanks to them for sharing this special and unforgettable lady with so many.*

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**Gary Hann** - January 17, 2018 at 08:27 AM

YB

*Dear Uncle Myles, Marc, Mason and Diane,*

*I am so sorry for your loss and my thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.*

*Auntie Marilyn was a beautiful woman inside and out. I always admired her beautiful skin and tiny waist and always wanted to know her secret for looking so young! She always took such good care of herself and it showed. One of my favorite memories was going to dinner in San Francisco during Christmas of 2013. I still remember the beautiful outfit she was wearing that night. She was a very classy woman and I loved her style. We had a wonderful time that Christmas and I am so blessed to have had that time with her. Even though we did not see each other often, I loved receiving her beautiful letters telling me everything that was going on with all you. She loved her family and loved to share all the details of her grandchildren and great granddaughter. She was a strong and amazing woman and she will truly be missed by all.*

*Love Vonnie (Yvonne Del Bene)*

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**Yvonne Del Bene** - January 24, 2018 at 08:13 PM