



Martha Frances Quinn

September 17, 1928 - October 1, 2011

Martha Frances Hamilton Quinn, age 83, a resident of Royal Oak since 1935, died October 1, 2011. Born September 28, 1928 in Louisville, KY to the late William and Louise Hamilton. Beloved wife of Austin Gerald. Loving mother of Thomas Tina Quinn, Maureen George Vance, Colleen Jim Theuerkauf, Brian Vanessa Quinn, Eileen Robert Pennington and Kathleen Quinn. Proud grandmother of 15 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Martha graduated from Wayne State University with a Master's Degree in Education and taught at Troy High School for 17 years before retiring in 1988. She also led a volunteer group providing income tax guidance to low income families for 20 years. She was a member of the Great Lakes Sweet Adeline Singing Chorus and an avid golfer. The visitation will be Monday 4-8 p.m. and Tuesday 3-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. scripture service at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Martha will lie in state Wednesday 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass 10 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church in Royal Oak. Memorials to Gilda's Club of Royal Oak or American Cancer Society appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

LL

“ Dear Austin I certainly will miss Martha! She was a very special person in my life for many years. Our CampClub will always treasure the banner she made for us to display on our outings. Please stay in touch. Much love, Linda Liddicoatt

linda liddicoatt - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

PB

“ Hello: Our family has lived across the street from the Quinns for many years and my recollections of her, including a few months ago at my sisters house also a neighbor for a July 4th party, is of a very kind, pleasant, smiling, positive woman with a great love for her family and strong faith in God. May God continue to bless her in Heaven - and take care of her family during this difficult time. Thank you.

Philip J. Brabant - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

MC

“ Dear Austin & Family, Martha had become such a treasured friend! We will miss her laughter, smiling eyes, and fun spirit at our family parties. Most evident to me... was her Trust in the Lord with all her heart. God Bless you All, Mary Jo & Art Cairo

Mary Jo & Art Cairo - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

RG

“ Martha always had a cherry outlook, a twinkle in her eye and a tremendous smile. We were golf partners for so many years and also GLC riser buddies. She loved her family first and the rest of us 2nd. Your "family" style funeral service was very comforting and helped us all rejoice with her now in heaven.

Ruth Golm - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

JE

“ *May Martha be with the Lord as she takes her final journey. John retiree 2009 Athens*

John P. Epple - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

VQ

“ *When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight.*
~Kahlil Gibran

Vanessa Quinn - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

LB

“ *Eileen, God bless you and your family during this time of sorrow. May God surround you with His steadfast love and give each of you comfort and peace. We all miss you and are thinking about you at this difficult time.*

Liz Brence - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

VM

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Quinn family. Will miss seeing your Mom at the Sweet Adeline performances. God Bless you all.*

Vicki Maksimowich - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

JW

“ *Eileen and family: My thoughts and prayers are with you as your mourn the loss of your mother. Your Rice family is thinking of you. I'm so glad you are able to be with your family during this time to remember all the joy and blessings your mother brought to your life.*

Jennifer Walker - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

DC

“ DEAR AUSTIN AND FAMILY, HOW BLEST WE ALL ARE TO HAVE KNOWN MARTHA AND HAVE MEMORIES OF HER TO CHERISH IN OUR LIFE. SHE WILL BE MISSED BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN.

Debra and Paul Christensen - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

KM

“ While I never had the pleasure of meeting Martha, I know from her daughter Eileen what a wonderful wife and mother she was. I wanted to share some verses from Matthew Ch 5. The first is for Eileen's family: "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted" The second is for Martha: "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

Karen Santa Maria - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

BW

“ My love and prayers are with you. Martha was such a wonderful person who will be missed by all of us who knew her. Martha was the one who persuaded me to become active in SARSP and the tax program when I retired from Troy schools. I have kept and will keep Martha's beautiful letter, "Changes in my Life", when her cancer returned on my computer. I share it with others who need a positive approach to their illness. Bravo, Martha!

Betty C. Wilkins - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

MH

“ I'm so glad I was lucky enough to meet Ms. Quinn, Eileen's mom, and my heart goes out to the family. Martha Hanna

Martha Hanna - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

DG

“ We are so sorry for your loss. With all of her children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren, Mrs. Quinn has a great legacy.

Dianne Gary - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

DB

“ Austin, I am so sorry to hear of Martha's death. I'm missing you as we prepare for our November show. My prayers and thoughts are with you. Donna, Stage Manager, Big Chief Chorus.

Donna Bevington - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ THERE ARE MANY MEMORIES I HAVE AS A BABY SITTER FOR THE QUINN KIDDIES YEARS AGO. BOB AND I HAVE FOND MEMBER OF THE ROAD RUNNER CAMPING GROUP..... SUCH A PLEASURE TO HAVE KNOWN THIS LOVELY LADY FOR SO MANY YEARS. . MAY GOD HOLD HER IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND, JUDIE CARPS BOB DEBONE

judie carps bob debone - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

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AH

“ Eileen and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Eileen, your Rice family loves and misses you! We are so glad your family could all be together for you mom.

Ashley Hughes - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Martha was a class act. I will always remember her integrity and kindness.

Pat Leveque - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ She was my mentor when I came to Troy High in the Business Department. Loved her. I'm so sorry. I have a cute story that I told at her retirement. She use to teach programming on CRT tubes which were connected to Oakland Schools. They temporarily cut the funding for that connection. Naturally, she was up in arms about it. She came to me one day out of the blue and said, "I got my tubes reconnected". I looked at her and thought, "Wow, you already have 6 children, what did you go and do that for?" We both realized the miscommunication and busted out laughing.

Penny Paul - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Martha was a lovely, caring teacher who I enjoyed knowing during our years we taught for the Troy School District. I feel privileged that I knew her. Carolee Fenner

Carolee Fenner - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ So sorry to learn of your loss. I knew Martha when I was a Member of GLC. She always had time for a kind word and smile.

Pat McGrath - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Martha and I met in 1971 when we were hired as business teachers at Troy High School. Martha was a wonderful person and I treasured the years that I worked with her. I ran into her a few times after she retired and she always had a smile on her face and was such a positive person. To Austin and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Katie Brooks Pedersen - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ Martha and I met in school in 1942. We have kept in touch all these years. She has always been a leader especially keeping our Shrine High Schoolgirls together. Her outlook on life was great - cup always half full - never half empty. We were together in June when I was in town. She was able to gather six of us at her house for lunch and a visit. It was wonderful and I so appreciated her doing it even though I knew she wasn't feeling well. To Austin and your family, I know she will be missed but know her smiling face will be welcome in heaven. God Bless all of you

Helen Lyons Lamb - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ I considered Martha to be a dear friend. We did taxes together for AARP and exercised at Beaumont. Martha was dedicated and gave all she could. I knew she was ill, but am saddened to hear of her passing. God Bless Her. She is at peace.

Wilma Shea - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ I only met Mrs. Quinn a few times at church, but will remember her whenever I see the beautiful plants she gave me for my garden! Please accept my condolences.

Sarah English - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Sandra and I extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Uncle Austin and the entire Quinn family. We are so sorry for the loss of your wife, mother and grandmother

Michael Palaich - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ To Colleen and Jim, We never met your Mom, Colleen, but having known you these past few years and reading about her, we know she must have been a very special person and mother. Two words jumped out at us when we read about her- TAXES and GOLF...hhhmmmm sounds awfully like someone else we know...she sure did her part in passing on her legacy through at least you, Colleen and probably your siblings as well. Of course, you are in our thoughts and prayers and we will see you soon. Love, Nancy and Dwijen Misra

Dwijen & Nancy Misra - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Martha will be greatly missed by all of us, but will be remembered forever.

Sally Czeszewski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Martha was a dear and staunch friend. I feel that she is the one who held our '46 alumnae of Little Flower High School together. Although she wanted to live longer, God wanted her now. God bless her. She will continue to look after us, I'm sure.

S. Irene Luther Renie - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Eileen and family - I know your mom's departure is bittersweet, but so glad you all have wonderful memories to hold on to!

Jan Dillow - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Praying for you and your family Eileen during this difficult time. Your Rice family loves you and is thinking of you. Love, Lindsey

Lindsey Petropoulos - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Eileen, brothers and sisters, I am thinking of and praying for y'all in this time of sorrow. Just know that you made her life a celebration every day that she was with you. Cherish the moments and have them live on in each of you.

Monica Swanson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Eileen, Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May all of your memories together bring you comfort. - Lorinda

Lorinda Beekmann - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Thuerekauf/Quinn Family, Your Mother/Grandmother taught us how to live life. I never met her but I really appreciate the type of person she has role modeled us to become. She has left us during the Holiest of days...G-ds greatest gift. Our thoughts and prayers Jo-Ann and Larry Wolf

Jo-Ann Macwilliams-wolf - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Martha had such patience when she taught me her way of Treasurers job for GLC. Knew her for 20 yrs after transferring from another chorus. She was so kind to me-never will forget it.Had such admiration of her backyard.Had unique sense of humor-so funny !! God Bless her loved ones. Chris Spurr Cape Coral, FL

chris spurr - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I have been so blessed to have a great friend in Martha's incredible granddaughter, Jess. The wonderful stories she shared with me portrayed Gram's magnificent love for life, family and her faith in God!

Janelle Schultz - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Eileen, Katie and Family: My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Thank you for the pleasure of introducing me to your Mom. What a wonderful person! Last I saw her at Eileen's wedding, her exuberance for life radiated through her smile and her conversation. Her love for her family was evident in all she did. Her legacy will go on through her children and the people she touched. Jesus has called her home to be with him and to be free. May His strength comfort you and your family. Keeping you in prayer.

Raquel Lopez - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Please know that hugs are being sent your way.....your Mom was a wonderful lady , and I will miss her smiling face at every G.L.C function from here on out.

DyAnn Rossi - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Martha was a very dedicated leader for AARP Foundation Tax-Aide. As State Coordinator and State Training Specialist, I had many opportunities to work with her. Her commitment and contribution of time and talent were much appreciated. She will long be remembered by her co-workers in the program. Betty Shaw State Training Specialist for AARP Foundation Tax-Aide

Betty Shaw - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I haven't been a member of the chorus for years but your folks and my husband and I would see one another at your Dad's retiree functions a couple of times a year. Your mother was a ray of sunshine aways and I will miss her greatly. Please tell your siblings that we are thinking of you all even though we won't be able to be with you.

Daphne and Pete Harrie - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Dear Austin: Martha was one of a kind and will be dearly missed by all. She was fun to be with and in a golfing foursome. Gail

Gail Bieschke - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ She is surely "singing" from above, held in the Hand of our Creator. Her beauty and love will continue in the hearts of her family. Peace from above be your guiding light.

Linda Bowlin - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ What a wonderful Lady. We were proud to have her in our lifes and knowing that she is now in god's loving arms is comforting. She is with her family and friends our parents that have passed. Take care, Love Tom & Teri DeVos and Family

Teri DeVos - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Colleen: While I've only had the pleasure of knowing you a short time, I know the "quality" of the person you are. That comes from a good family foundation--a mother is the pillar of that foundation. My deepest regrets for the loss of your Mom. May she rest in peace and her memories for you--eternal. Jamie inFORUM Counsel

Jamie Spriet - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ My heartfelt sympathy to all the family. Martha gave you so many gifts that you will always treasure and pass on. What a glorious life! May God Bless you and give you peace.

Debbie Goodin - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ I had the privilege to know and work with Martha through AARP's Taxaide program. I know all who worked with her will miss her. She was a very lovely person. My condolences to the family.

Elaine Stein - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Martha and I had many a good times singing together in the Great Lakes Chorus. But even a better time putting our heads together to critique the Detroit Oakland men's chorus, one of the choruses in which her husband, Austin, sings. What a very nice lady and friend.

Susan Gleason-Spires - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Martha's family is in my thoughts and prayers. It was a pleasure to know her and to sing with her in the Great Lakes Chorus.

Gaylynn Brenoel - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ I miss you, mom. Thank you so much for teaching me to become a "Quinn woman". I'll do my best to keep your traditions and recipes going. I love you, Eileen

Eileen Quinn Pennington - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Martha was such a special lady. She was able to make friends with everybody, young and old! I sang with Martha in chorus and always enjoyed having fun with her!

Cindy Gazetti - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ To Colleen and family, White House Services sends their deepest condolences to you during this time. Hold on to the memories and have faith that God will give you comfort in your time of sorrow. Jackie, Dolores, Sandi, Jami, and Connie

Jacquelyn Vaughn - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ My Dear Riser Buddy, I'm really going to miss all the wonderful phone calls we shared reminiscing about the antics we had on the risers while singing for Great Lakes. I will never forget you, your glorius smile and your love for the Lord. Many prayers to your entire family. I will miss you. Love.....Terry

Theresa Mancani - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I've had the pleasure of knowing Martha for only 4 short years, singing with her in Great Lakes chorus. She was always full of life, love and laughter. She had a smile on her face all the time, and it was an honor to get to know her. My thoughts and prayers to her family. Rest in Peace Martha, and sing loud and proud in God's heavenly chorus.

Donna Brichta - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Martha was one of the sweetest and kindest people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Martha stood behind me on the risers for a number of years in chorus and always had a way to make me smile. She's singing beautiful songs with the angels now....Rest In Peace my friend.

Lindsay Schrah - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Martha, my dear friend and a friend to all who knew her. I will miss her dearly, but know she is with the Lord, singing in his beautiful choir in the Heavens. Much love from your Sister in Song.

Patti Smith - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NM

*“ For someone that is rarely at a loss for words, I am. Martha was such an inspiration. Dear friend, you are missed tremendously.
Love, Norma*

Norma Miller - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ She is soaring with the angels now. What a delightful lady she was and a joy and inspiration to her family. She'll be missed by all friends and family including the Texas folks who grew to love and care for her. Flo, Alexandra, Paul, Randy, Tyler and Jesse Pennington

Flo Philips - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Martha was such a sweet lady. She always had a smile and a song. I'm looking forward to ringing some chords with her one day "when the roll is called up yonder."

Mindy Krueger - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Eileen and family, I am sorry for the loss of your mom. I know she loved you very much and you will miss her greatly. She must have been a woman of great character as she raised a daughter with character beyond measure. My prayers are with you all. ~Cindy Woolum

Cindy Woolum - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Martha and I played Cribbage at Harrisville where we camped with the barbershoppers and Sweet Adelines. I talked her into auditioning for Great Lakes and the rest is history. She didn't tell her kids she was trying out until she had passed the audition. :- She was a faithful member for 24 years and is leaving a large hole in our ranks, but I know she now sings sweetly with the heavenly chorus. Bless her heart! She will be sorely missed!

Sylvia Detty - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Martha was so full of life and spunk! A sister sweet Adeline for many years with a million dollar smile. Her laughter ringing with our cords. Ironically, I ran into her at the Dr's office last week after missing her for a couple years. I won't ever forget my last hug...Life is a gift to treasure and share the love. Martha was a wonderful woman that I am so blessed to have shared love, laughter and song! You will be missed. May your voice ring out in heavens.

Marion MacCarroll - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ I have had the privilege to be friends with Martha since 1987 when she joined Great Lakes Chorus. She was such a special person to me. We roomed together for several years, traveled together, laughed together and had wonderful, blessed times. I miss her and pray for her and her family. God bless you all.

Shirley Koebbe - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AI

“ Martha was a wonderful and special lady. She was always very warm and had a friendly smile to share. My thoughts and prayer go out to Martha's family. She will be missed.

Anita Irons - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

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DS

“ Martha was a wonderful, friendly neighbor. I enjoyed her lovely garden and will miss her vibrant spirit.

Dena Serrato - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Many prayers being sent your way, dear Martha. We had such fun as roommates for many years. I will miss you Martha and will always cherish the wonderful, hysterical, wacky times we had together! I love you!

JoAnne Buiteweg - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ To the family of my friend Martha, Martha was a warm and loving person that I enjoyed in my life. She was always smiling and working for the good of all. Singing with her at Sweet Adelines was fun . I will carry her memory with me.

Helen Walz-Gutowski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Martha was a wonderful woman who will be sorely missed by all who have known her. Our family is thankful and blessed to have been a part of her and her families lives. Hugs to her family during this time of mourning.

Mike Powell - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *Martha was a special person - so full of life and song. I felt lucky to have the opportunity to sing with her and share our world of harmony. She was loved by many will be missed but I know she is in a wonderful place now!* ”

Ellen Beckham - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ *I have known Mrs. Quinn for many, many years; recently, I have had the honor of truly knowing Martha and spending time with her. She was a beautiful lady with a wonderful family.* ”

Becky Arce - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *We love you mom!* ”

Colleen Theuerkauf - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM