



Mary Bradner

November 3, 1940 - November 10, 2020

Mary Bradner passed away peacefully on November 10, 2020, shortly after celebrating her 80th birthday. She was surrounded by her loving family at her home in Royal Oak, Michigan.

Mary was born on the island of Inishbarra, Ireland in 1940 and immigrated to the United States in 1958. She was a brave, resilient, and hardworking woman whose unwavering faith in God carried her through all of life's ups and downs. With a generous spirit, loving heart, and a smile that could light up any room, Mary touched the lives of every person she met.

She loved the simple things in life – sunny afternoons spent in the backyard, her favorite mug filled with fresh decaf coffee, silly jokes clipped from the Sunday newspaper, and the nightly airing of Wheel of Fortune. Mary loved sharing pb&j sandwiches with her dogs, listening to Michael Bolton's Hallelujah, and recalling stories of the years she spent in New York City. Most of all, Mary loved her family. She cherished her husband Raymond, to whom she was married for 30 years. She adored her children, Ada, Raenette, and Kevin, and her world revolved around her grandchildren, Siobion, Thomas, Peadar, Aine, and Amelia.

Mary was predeceased by her husband Raymond, her parents Michael and Barbara, her brother Michael Colman, sisters Barbara and Sarah, sister-in-law

Mary, and brother-in-law Stephen. She is survived by her loving brother Patrick, sisters Bridie, Nora, and Peggy, sisters-in-law Jeanette, Kathleen, and Barbara and brothers-in-law Larry, Michael and Michael. She will be deeply missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Mary will be forever remembered for her warm smile, gentle heart, immeasurable compassion, and unconditional love. Although our hearts are aching, we will celebrate her life and find comfort in knowing that she is watching over us from heaven.

Family and friends are welcome to join an outdoor tomb-side service in celebration of Mary's life. The service will take place at Christian Memorial Gardens West (521 E Hamlin Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307) on Monday, November 16th at 12pm. Please wear a mask at all times. Upon arrival at the cemetery, please wait at the front gate until the hearse leads the procession to the mausoleum. RSVPs are not necessary.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Mary's honor.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV **16**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Christian Memorial Gardens West
521 E. Hamlin Road
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Tribute Wall



“ *Maureen Choong lit a candle in memory of Mary Bradner* ”



Maureen Choong - November 22, 2020 at 12:12 PM



Maureen
Choong

“ *From Your sister Bridie, Brother in law Michael, niece and nephews Maureen, Eileen, John Christopher and their partners. Your nephews, nieces and great nephews.*

I often think of our lives on the island when we were all very small, we used to hide pennies in the walls surrounding our house as our house was on an island without any shops to spend them in! Dad made us a barbecue and we caught fish from the sea and had a picnic with the fish and anything else we could get our the kitchen, we used oyster shells for plates and picked berries for dessert. The sea could sometimes come right up the front door. It was a beautiful place to live even though it was so isolated we were never lonely as we always found things to do and had lots of friends amongst the neighbours. When the island school closed Dad took us to to school on the mainland every day on his boat. I have lovely memories of your visit to us in England before you went to the USA when Maureen and Eileen were still babies then much later when we brought Christopher and spent three weeks with you all in Michigan. You and Ray treated us like royalty and took us everywhere. Very special memories.

Your sense of humour and kindness have always been your trademark. You are and always have been a wonderful person and like the rest of my sisters, a very special.

With much much love to you always. Rest in peace.

Bridie.



Maureen Choong - November 22, 2020 at 12:11 PM

MF

“ To Auntie Mary , You were one of kind and touched all our lives in so many different ways. We hold dearly our great memories of you close to our hearts and hope you are at peace with your husband Ray, Family and loved ones in heaven, what a reunion and celebration it must be to be together. You were strong , kind and caring person and we were always proud of you. No matter the distance or time apart you always fitted right back in when you came home to your roots. I always remember the summers when you did come to visit and all the family would gather from far and near to be with you and the air would be filled with laughter, fun, reminisce and good times. Those are days that we hold close to us. I can only imagine what it must have been like starting a life in far away land at a young age. you were courageous and made a journey across the ocean that often some people will never do in their life time, you had that strength and had your own beautiful kind family who we are proud to be apart of. Mary you were much loved and pray you are at peace and one day we will meet again until then we keep you dear to our hearts. Our prayers and thoughts are with your children Ada, Raenette, Kevin and all your grandchildren Siobhain, Tommy, Peadar, Aine & Amelia
Rest in Peace

Love from Sister in Law Barbara, Nieces Marie, Catherine ,
Nephews David, Peadar, Michael, great nieces Ezme, Zara ,
Rebecca and great nephews Colm, Rory, Noah, Troy and Jeff and
Teresa

marie fernandes - November 16, 2020 at 07:11 AM

MM

“ To Mary, who was always such a wonderful neighbor and friend. You will always be my thoughts for the times we raised our children while we lived across the street from each other. And for your being there for Ann and for Stephen's parents during the years they lived there. Margaret

Margaret Marsh - November 15, 2020 at 12:08 PM

ST

“ To my sister Mary, i shall miss your trips over to Ireland where we would drink tea and coffee looking out over the sea talking about our younger days having a laugh over silly things. I hope you are at peace with Mum and Dad, Ray, Colman, Sarah and Barbara. I hope your family finds comfort in knowing that you were a much loved person and that your spirit lives within them.



You will always be in my prayers, love from Nora, Paul and Stephen.

Stephen - November 14, 2020 at 05:17 AM

SM

“ To my beautiful loving sister who I love so much. I will miss you always and there will never be a day that I won't think of you. We lived in different parts of the world but we were as close in spirit. You always found a way to laugh through the pain and tears and always was ready to share a joke. You have left a wonderful family behind and our hearts are grieving with them. God's speed with you Mary



Love from your sister Peggie and niece Sarah

Sarah McDonagh - November 13, 2020 at 06:33 AM

AV

“ *Mary had a heart of gold! She was so funny and her sense of humor will be one of the many things I will remember. Mary cared about our extended family and always asked about them. Mary’s faith was an example of how to do it right! She will be missed, but always remembered!*
With love, from Ann



Ann venier - November 12, 2020 at 09:41 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - November 12, 2020 at 05:32 PM