



Mary Ellen Cavanaugh

December 5, 1927 - March 20, 2019

Mary Ellen Cavanaugh (née Jones), age 91, passed away March 20, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Harry J. (d. 6/3/17). Dear mother of Maureen (Bruce) Ruhl, Larry (Marie), Colleen (John Charles) Monti, Theresa (George) Elson, Marietta (Paul) Joliat, Carolyn (Carlo) Ginotti, and Bridget (Robert) Reed. Sister of Joanne (Richard) Hogan, Donna Jo (Jim) Born, George (Patricia) Jones, and the late Willard (Ann) Jones, Robert Jones, and Penny (Dave) Frade. Proud grandmother of Michael, Melissa, Marnie, Meghan, Molly, Marie, Mark, Morgan, Erin, Caitlin, Ellen, Jack, Joe, Jayne, Sarah, Geoffrey, Gordon, Jillian, Catherine, Andrew, Carlo, Sophia, John, Ryan, Zack, Allison, Abby, Jacob, Rachael, Joe, Robert, Sam, and Rebecca. Great-grandmother of Kelsey, Serena, Jackson, Eleanor, Wyatt, Caroline, Max, Dylan, Reese, George, Tessa, Kate, Mae, Gabriel, Evelyn, Margaret, Patrick, Tallulah, Penelope, Caelin, Brennan, Aidan, Erin, Jacob, Madison, Michaela, Tyler, Trevor, Brea, Ivan, Arya, Liam, and Bruce.

Mary Ellen lived in Royal Oak for most of her life and was a graduate of St. Mary's High School. She was a member of the Royal Oak Women's and Shrine Golf Leagues, as well as the St. Dennis Mother's Club. She retired from Oakland County in 1990 after working as a vision technician with the Board of Health for 20 years. Mary Ellen was also very proud of her dedication to Shrine's Eucharistic Adoration.

Visitation will take place Sunday, March 24, from 2 - 8 p.m. with a Rosary at 7 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Road (4 blocks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. In state Monday 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass 10 a.m. at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, Royal Oak.

Memorial contributions to the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica are appreciated.

Please share your memories on the Tribute Wall at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Catholic Cemetery

Royal Oak, MI 48067

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 24. 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

MAR 24. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

MAR **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear loved ones of Mary Ellen,

My relationship with dear Mary Ellen was mostly as we were gathered around the altar for Mass and sharing Eucharist. Her joyful smile and glowing eyes spoke of how much she loved being with the faith community at daily Mass and frequent Adoration! And wasn't she so happy to be with so many of her family riding in Royal Oak's St. Patrick's Day Parade just last Saturday?

Mary Ellen truly lived until sudden death took her over the threshold of eternity to the fullness of life and love! May she be a special blessing to all of us, now, in a brand new way! Peace be with you!

Sister Noreen Ellison, SC

Sister Noreen Ellison - March 24, 2019 at 12:53 PM



“ Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Cavanaugh.



March 24, 2019 at 09:54 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Cavanaugh.



March 24, 2019 at 07:39 AM

JW

“ So sorry for loss Larry.

John & Lauri Willis - March 24, 2019 at 07:35 AM

PS

“ We are so sorry to hear of Great Aunt Mary Ellen's passing. We enjoyed seeing her most recently at the RO St. Patrick's Day Parade last weekend and all of the Cavanaugh Irish Opens. She had a long life lived well and we know she is rejoicing with the Lord now. May all of your wonderful memories bring you peace and comfort at this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Patrick, Leslie & Liam Snow

Patrick Snow - March 23, 2019 at 09:57 PM

FK

“ Franny Martin & Maria Kasten lit a candle in memory of Mary Ellen Cavanaugh



Franny Martin & Maria Kasten - March 23, 2019 at 07:57 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Cavanaugh.



March 23, 2019 at 07:37 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Cavanaugh.



March 23, 2019 at 07:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Cavanaugh.



March 23, 2019 at 05:25 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish* was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Cavanaugh.



March 23, 2019 at 03:47 PM



“ *Red Rose Reverence Casket Spray* was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Cavanaugh.



March 23, 2019 at 12:27 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Cavanaugh.*



March 23, 2019 at 12:25 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Cavanaugh.*



March 23, 2019 at 11:33 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Cavanaugh.*



March 23, 2019 at 11:00 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Cavanaugh.*



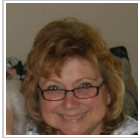
March 23, 2019 at 09:40 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Cavanaugh.*



March 23, 2019 at 09:36 AM



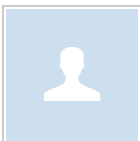
“ *Sorry for the loss of your mom Colleen and Theresa. I'll keep your families and your mom in my prayers.*

Sherry Buczek - March 23, 2019 at 09:24 AM



“ *I knew Mary Ellen through Perpetual Adoration at Shrine. She and Harry did the hour before mine. She was a force of nature and could, into her late 80's, run circles around people half her age. Now she'll be able to get back to taking care of Harry. God bless, Mary Ellen, may the angels welcome you to Paradise.*

Trish Guarino - March 23, 2019 at 09:20 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Cavanaugh.*



March 23, 2019 at 12:46 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Cavanaugh.*



March 23, 2019 at 12:36 AM



“ *Respectfully, Douglas Silver, Ta & Tu Li purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Ellen Cavanaugh.*



Respectfully, Douglas Silver, Ta & Tu Li - March 22, 2019 at 06:37 PM



“ *What a beautiful picture! This is just how I remember your mom. Such a wonderful lady. I am so heartbroken for you all. Sending love, Janell (Wasylon) McPherson*

Janell L McPherson - March 22, 2019 at 05:02 PM