



Mary Ruth Galle

December 3, 1922 - February 11, 2022

Mary Ruth Galle, 99, passed away peacefully at her home in Warren, MI on February 11, 2022. Mary was born on December 3, 1922, in Gilmer, TX. The youngest of eight children, Mary Ruth was given the nickname "Baby Ruth" by her father because of her sweet nature. After graduating high school-the only one of her siblings to do so-Mary fell in love and married Ed "Lefty" Galle the following year. Lefty affectionately shorted her nickname and, for the rest of his life, referred to her simply as "Baby."

They had a wonderful life together. Mary was by Lefty's side for sixty-four years, whether watching him play baseball, cheering for the Detroit Tigers or New York Yankees, caring for their son and grandchildren, or traveling. Her career included positions in retail, accounting and cake decorating for Detroit's famous Sanders confectionary. During World War II, Mary served as a gauge inspector in an aircraft factory. Later, she and Lefty owned a drive-in restaurant in Freeport, TX. When Mary and Lefty retired in 1983 they began a series of cross-country adventures with their dog, a dachshund, who barked incessantly at windshield wipers.

Mary was an avid reader all her life and when macular degeneration took her sight she gratefully accepted audio books from the Macomb County Library of the Blind. Although her hearing also declined, her mind and body remained strong. Until the last few months of her life Mary used Alexa to play her

favorite music, kept her cell phone handy around her neck, and rode her exercise bike faithfully six days a week. She valued her independence and, with support from her son, Michael, happily remained in her home until her passing.

A red-headed Irish lassie, Mary was quick to close her eyes, wrinkle her nose and laugh out light. She was immensely proud when her granddaughter, Allyson, was born with beautiful red hair like own. Her happiest moments right up until her death were with friends and family, sharing pizza and margaritas; always on the rocks, with salt and in a proper margarita glass. She was so sweet, easy going, a great listener, and a close friend said recently "the kindest woman I ever met."

Mary was predeceased by her husband, Lefty, her granddaughter Toby, and her siblings Ollie, Eva, Billie, Myrtle and Jim. Two additional siblings died at birth. She is survived by her son Michael and daughter-law- Carol, granddaughter Allyson and grandson in-law Neal Moawed, grandson Tynan, niece Judith and nephew in-law Bob, dear friends Deb Rollins, Sherry and John de'Nooijer, Lin Klaasen, and her beloved grand dog Snickers.

Services will be private, and Mary will be buried beside her beloved Lefty at Great Lakes National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Macomb County Library for the Blind (via Clinton-Macomb Public Library) or the Michigan Humane Society.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly Township, MI 48442

Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Mary Ruth Galle* ”



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - February 17, 2022 at 03:04 PM

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“ Mary and I first met when I was 25 years old and I was her hairdresser up until her death. During those years she stood by as my two sons were born The called her "little Mary". Mary gave me a set of blocks that her granddaughter had played with and now my 2 sons, my2 grandsons, and my 2 great grand kids have enjoyed those blocks. Mary was like a BELOVED Aunt to me. We talked about Life, Love, Heat breaks and how times have changed since she and lefty owned the Drive INN. She talked about her children, and grandchildren, nieces and nephews and I shared what was going on in my life as well. I often told her that when I grew up i wanted to be just like her. I must admit she was much better at sticking to her exercise plan than I was. Her son Michael and I were only months apart in age, and she always reminded me when I was approaching another birthday. We enjoyed pizza together and every once in awhile a margarita or two. My heart is heavy as I fell the loss, but I know she was ready to be with Lefty and her family that had already passed. I didn't have a mother, a sister, a grand mother, and my aunts were only seen on special holidays.....but I HAD MARY! She filled my heart and we talked about things in our hearts and on her minds, she always reminded me that she prayed for me and all of my family. through the years . . . Elvis, Sinatra, Dachshunds, Cheetos, Lou's pizza, romance novels and Margaritas all brings Mary to my mind. She was sweet, kind, loving, giving and I still aspire to be like her. God gained a very precious angel with Mary joining his flock. My love and prayers go out to everyone who loved her as we fill the void in our Hearts and forge ahead living up to the examples Mary set for all of us. I TRULY LOVE MARY WITH ALL MY HEART. She is a blessing I will remember all of my life.

Lin Klaassen - February 14, 2022 at 03:45 PM

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“ Mary was such a wonderful, loving friend. I enjoyed the times we spent together laughing and eating pizza or puffy tacos at El Charro followed by a margarita. She would tell stories of her growing up in Texas, the love she had for her family, including the dogs, and her love of baseball. She taught me so many things, especially how important it is to be kind, and be thankful for what we have in life. She included so many people in the prayers she said every day, and genuinely loved people....she even thanked Alexa for answering her questions. I was blessed to have shared in her days and laugh with her and learn from her and love her. I know she's smiling down at all of us, even though my heart is broken. Fly free sweet Mary Ruth. I'll see you again one day.

Deborah Rollins - February 13, 2022 at 11:49 PM