



Mary L. R. Hanson

June 3, 1940 - January 13, 2010

Mary Lucinda Robb Hanson died at Angela Hospice in Livonia on January 13, 2010, following a courageous faith driven battle with cancer. Mary was born and raised in Howell, lived in New Jersey for 20 years, then returned to Michigan. She is survived by her two children, Kira Martha Peter Wick Hanson and Harry Claudia Hanson, as well as her brother, James Robb. Mary graduated from Marygrove College with a degree in Speech and Drama and traveled to Lima, Peru where she did missionary work for a year after graduation. Upon returning to the United States, she settled in Detroit where she met her husband, Harry Hanson III, when they both worked in the theatre. They moved to New Jersey in 1966 and had two children. Mary received a Master's degree from Kean College in Early Childhood Development and began teaching preschool and kindergarten as her children reached school age. She was also a successful dramatic actress and very active in pro-life volunteer work. Following a divorce Mary moved back to Michigan in 1988 and continued her volunteer work with Right to Life of Michigan. The visitation will be Sunday 2-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. scripture service at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Road 4 blocks E. of Woodward, Royal Oak. Mary will lie in state Monday 11:30 a.m. until the time of Mass 12 noon at the National Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak. A private burial will take place at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Howell. Memorials to Angela Hospice or Jimmy Fund appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

MB

“ My condolences and best wishes to Harry and Kira. I will remember the good times with Mary who grew up just a few houses away from my sisters Ruth, Elizabeth and myself and the fun we had playing as youngsters at the Lake Chemung family cottage. Mary was a great cousin and will be missed.

Matt Brady - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Mary was an angel whose love for Jesus animated her entire being. What an example for all of us! I will remember her ministering to us as she suffered, evangelizing the Word even in hospice to all who would listen. We now have an angel to pray for us as we continue to live the faith as Mary did, joyfully and with great love. What a blessing she is!

Judy Maten - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VJ

“ Mary showed me the simple way to live my faith. I thank God that He put her in my life these last couple of years. She lived out St. Therese' "little way" every day. May God's peace be upon her children.

Vikki Jenkins - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Dear Kira and Peter- David and I wish you strength and peace. Please know our hearts and thoughts are with you. xoxo

Lynn Phillips - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Harry - our hearts go out to you in your time of sorrow. May your heart and soul find peace and comfort.

Dan & Wendy Bell - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Harry, I am so very sorry for you loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Emily Muth - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ Harry, Missy and I wanted to share our condolences on the passing of your mother. We will be keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless. Todd

Todd & Missy Ellis - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM