



## Mary Helen Kelly

November 9, 1942 - September 17, 2014

Kelly, Mary Helen, age 71, a lifelong resident of Royal Oak, passed away September 17, 2014 at her home. She was born November 9, 1942 in Detroit to the late Joseph and Helen Carbert. Mrs. Kelly graduated from Shrine High School in 1960 and the University of Detroit in 1964. She enjoyed spending time outdoors tending to her garden and flowers. Anyone that knew her, knew that she had a big heart. She was the beloved wife of J.P. Kelly; the couple married July 9, 1965 at the Shrine; loving mother of Erin Todd Whiteley Kelly and Heather Kelly; dear sister of Patricia Rich Collins; proud grandmother of Lucas Whiteley and Hannah Warner. The visitation will be Friday 3-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. Rosary and service Saturday 11 a.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road 4 blocks E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Memorials to the donor's choice of charity are appreciated. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Tribute Wall

HE

“ *Happy birthday mom.... I miss you terribly*

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**Heather** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *I was so sad to hear of Mary Helen's death. We were best friends from first grade through the early years of our marriage. I have so many happy memories of her. I feel like a little piece of myself is gone. JoAnn McGrath Shenk*

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**JoAnn McGrath Shenk** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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**Patty** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Erin and family, I am so very sad to hear this news! May you find peace and comfort in the wonderful memories you have. My sincere thoughts, prayers and love I send to you now.

Leslie Worthy - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ My family and I remember many happy hours and fun times with Mary Helen. She was a great neighbor and friend. Our prayers are with you and your family J.P.

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“ Our thoughts are with all of you. She clearly was a loved wife, mother and grandmother. Love, Adrienne and Jim

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**Adrienne Johns** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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