



Mary Catherine Kleiss

August 31, 1956 - February 4, 2019

Mary C. Kleiss, age 62, a resident of Royal Oak, died February 4, 2019 at her home. Mary was the beloved wife of the late Dennis F. Kleiss (d. 8/5/2013); the couple married June 24, 1978 at St. Dennis Catholic Church in Royal Oak. She was the loving mother of Cathy (Andrew) Bartley and the late Regis Kleiss; proud grandmother of Elizabeth and Greyson; dear sister of Mary Doehring, Barbara Rydock, Thomas (Betty) Hulbert, the late Kathy (Rick, still living) Werden and the late William Hulbert. Also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Mary was born and raised in Royal Oak. She loved spending time with her animals and being outdoors in nature. Mary enjoyed her flower gardens and was a member of the Royal Oak Nature Society. She also was a proud member of the Church of the Holy City.

Visitation Thursday 1 pm until time of funeral service 7 pm, with Rev. Renee Machiniak officiating, at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak. Burial Friday 10 am at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

Memorials to the family, ALS of Michigan, New Beginnings Animal Rescue in Royal Oak or Basset Hound Rescue of Michigan are appreciated.

Share your memories at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 1:00 PM - 7:00 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
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Funeral Services

FEB 7. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

FEB 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

Great Lakes National Cemetery
4200 Belford Road
Holly Township, MI 48442

Tribute Wall

EG

“ I met Mary a few years ago. Her heart was always full of cheer and her spirit was unfounded. Her love of flowers and nature was endless. Rest In Peace darlin!!

eric geiner - February 08, 2019 at 01:41 PM

GH

“ All of the staff at Gasow Veterinary Hospital send our deepest sympathy for the loss of Mary. She loved her animals and became a dear friend to all of us her at the hospital.

Gasow Veterinary Hospital - February 07, 2019 at 03:13 PM

CP

“ I met Mary and her family through our shared experiences at Bark-A-Bout Dock Diving events. She was such a friendly, outgoing soul that she was a joy to be around. I especially had fun with her and Liz by the pool. She was so knowledgeable on plants, birds, and animals. I could always turn to her for questions about my garden. Her courage and strength in the face of family illness was remarkable and a great inspiration. Mary's illness was diagnosed at the same time as my cousin and best friend so I always kept them in my prayers together. Heaven needed another angel. My condolences to the family. Charlene Palmer



Charlene Palmer - February 05, 2019 at 10:31 AM

JM

Mary. I am tearful that we cannot make more memories in the future. But I will cherish the 27 years of treasured memories. You have taught many about patience, determination, compassion, dedication, and love. I will miss you dear friend and sister. I rejoice in your reunion with your parents and especially Denny and Reeg. You will always be indelible inspiration I move forward with. Love Mike and Julienne as we care for our 88 yr old uncle today. You showed us that we can do this.

Julienne and mike - February 06, 2019 at 07:15 AM

DR

“ *Despite all the adversity in Mary's life, she always was strong & trusting in God. May she rest in peace. Darlene Rowles*

Darlene Rowles - February 05, 2019 at 08:42 AM

BN

“ *I've known Mary and family for over 20 years. We met through an Obedience class in a park, because of our mutual love of our dogs. We continued our friendship over the years through Southern Michigan Obedience Training Club and its many events. We saw each other at the Royal Oak Library on Saturday mornings where we did the Reading to Dogs program with our dogs. RIP, dear Mary; you will be sorely missed. I know you had a wonderous reunion with Denny and Regis and pets. Deepest condolences to the family.*

Beth Nemoff - February 05, 2019 at 12:29 AM

SL

“ *My deepest condolences to all of Mary's family. I had the privilege of getting to know Mary while her dear mother Katherine lives at Sanctuary at Alexander with my dear mother. Mary was an exemplary daughter, mother, grandmother and wife. May her cherished memory be for a blessing.*

Sharon Levine - February 04, 2019 at 08:04 PM