



Mary Large

April 7, 1940 - February 6, 2017

Mary Large

Age 76, resident of Washington Township, passed away on February 6, 2017. She was born on April 7, 1940 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Leonard and Mary Louise Giroux.

A member of St. Kieran Catholic Church, The Cane and Able Stroke Club, a loyal Detroit Tiger Fan. Beloved Wife of Bill. Loving Mother of Tom (Lori) Large and Kim (Kurt) Couture. Proud Grandmother of Grace, Claire, Meghan, and Robert. Dear Sister of Richard (Dodie) Giroux, Robert (Paulette) Giroux, Carol (Bob) Pattyn, Josette Taylor, and Cathy (Keith) Woloszyk. "A Celebration of Life" Service at the Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica; Sunday, February 19 from 3pm until time of service at 4pm. In Lieu of flowers, donations to American Heart Association. Please share a memory at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life gathering

FEB 19. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bill, iam so sorry about your beloved wife, Mary. You will be in my prayers. Your friend Mike Yates*

mike yates - February 19, 2017 at 07:21 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mary Large.*



February 17, 2017 at 11:42 AM

PC

“ *Bill, Tom, Kimberly:
Our sympathy goes out to your families on the loss of such a loved one as Mary Beth. It has been inspiring to see her carry on these last 40 years following her stroke. Mary never complained about her situation when we were together and it never stopped her from going places with friends.*

Tom, Kim...we knew your mom and dad when they were dating and we remember how willing she was to go places and do new things. We remember a couple out of town old-car events a few years after the wedding. One was a dressy banquet and she had forgotten to pack her high-heels! She had to dance in tennis shoes! Another old car event found two hundred guests vying for the prize in the vintage bathing suit contest. Your mom and dad showed up at the pool in yellow and black striped bumble-bee outfits and flew away with first place!

Bill, your dedication to Mary is an example for all husbands to follow...our hat's off to you!

Love, Betty & Paul Curtis

Paul Curtis - February 16, 2017 at 03:01 PM

MT

“ *My sympathy to the family. When someone we love dies the pain and grief can seem unbearable. Recall pleasant memories you shared with your loved one. May you draw close to God in prayer and he will sustain you.-Psalms 55:22*

Ms. Tuffy - February 16, 2017 at 06:55 AM

GF

“ To Bill, I was sorry to hear of Mary's passing, but I wanted to send a note onto you to recognize what a excellent impact you had on me personally. It started when you first rescued me from advanced projects (rotary engine) and got me into production activities which were my first love. You taught me a lot about being an engineer during that first assignment with you, but later on you gave me a lot of appreciation for how strong a leader you were. I remember when Mary first was ill during the construction of your new home and that although our career paths were not directly linked from that time on, I marveled how you balanced both difficult work assignments along with caring for your wife. I doubt if a lot of people could have coped with both the professional and personal family challenges as successfully as you did, and it was always an inspiration for me.

So as you celebrate Mary's life, I wish you and your family well.

George Ford

George Ford - February 14, 2017 at 05:22 AM

JS

“ Hello Mary, sorry to hear of your passing but I'm pretty sure you are busy visiting all of those who went before you and thinking of things to say to all of your loved ones who will eventually follow. Mary we saw each other at a few GM work related social outings and what struck me was in spite of the challenges, you never let the stroke get in your way of living. Apparently you and Bill were following the same playbook because he never complained at work about the extra activity the stroke required of you, Bill and the rest of your family. That being said Mary, in my nearly 15 years working daily with Bill, you were always Bill's priority. As the work day wound down, Bill often said, "Well it is time for me to go home and play with the kids,.....pause...,mother. Mary enjoy Opening Day this year from a new higher perspective. Respectively, John Stier.

John Stier - February 13, 2017 at 08:32 AM



“ Mary Beth was always one of the "older cousins", so we lost touch quite a while back. But my Mom, and since her passing, Aunt Mary, kept us up on all the family. I just wanted to say that Mary Beth was one of my mother's favorites. She would light up with that spark in her eyes when she had the chance to talk about Mary Beth and Bill. Now, they are together getting everything ready for us.
Peace, Larry Giroux

Larry Giroux - February 13, 2017 at 07:48 AM

DF

“ I never got to meet Mary, but I have great respect for Bill and Tom. You have my deepest sympathy for the loss of your wife and mother. I pray that God will comfort and strengthen you.

*Donn Frincke
GM Powertrain retiree*

Donn Frincke - February 11, 2017 at 10:13 PM

JS

“ We knew Mary for many years and our heartfelt condolences to Bill and their family.

John & Gail Sanderson

John Sanderson - February 10, 2017 at 10:55 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Large.



February 10, 2017 at 07:43 AM

RT

“ We considered Bill and Mary friends for many years even though we lost contact after retirement from GM. The love and devotion these two demonstrated to each other should stand as an example to all married couples.

Kathy & Ralph Tredway

Ralph & Kathy Tredway - February 09, 2017 at 10:42 AM

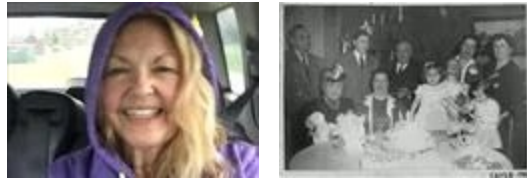
SL

“ Mary Beth was an inspiration to many. She had a great sense of humor which I always enjoyed. Mary and I agreed on a lot of things. She loved her new home, but didn't like that the oven and sink were made wheelchair accessible or that the washer and dryer were under her domain, Mary enjoyed watching the birds and other wild like in their yard. She was always a positive person. The glass was always have full. I enjoyed our visits and her emails. Mary Beth you will always be missed and loved. Your sister-in-law Sue.

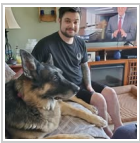
Sue Large - February 08, 2017 at 10:35 PM

JS

“ *I have fond memories of my cousins Mary Beth, Carol and I spending time together at the cottage in Windsor over the years playing cutouts or just hanging out as teens, I'm sorry we were not able to reconnect. She and her family are in my heart and prayers. Love and Peace to you all.*



Joanne Barkume Dalla Santa - February 08, 2017 at 04:06 PM



“ *You were a wonderful big sister, loved your determination and strength. I will miss your laugh and our shopping trips! Love You!! Cathy.*

Cathy Giroux - February 08, 2017 at 12:26 PM



“ *While I never had the privilege to meet Mary, I know her daughter, Kim. My prayers for God's peace and my sincere condolences are with you all.*
Colette Dorman

Colette Braidich Dorman - February 08, 2017 at 11:30 AM



Jennifer Winegarden

“ I knew Mrs. Large through her daughter and granddaughters. We saw each other at family and church events spanning 23 years. Every time I was with her she was cheerful and encouraging. She clearly loved her family very much and was anxious to spend as many important moments with them as possible, despite any physical discomfort this might have caused her. Her love and dedication through these obstacles was an encouragement.

Jennifer Winegarden - February 07, 2017 at 05:32 PM

JS

I have fond memories of my cousins Mary Beth and Carol while visiting at the cottage in Windsor. From playing cutouts when we were younger to hanging out listening to music as teens, we always enjoyed our time together. I wish We could have reconnected! She's in my heart along with the whole family suffering such a loss!
Love and Peace,
Joanne Barkume Dalla Santa

Joanne Barkume Dalla Santa - February 08, 2017 at 03:50 PM

PM

“ Mary endured more than 30 years of post-stroke life, caring for her family and continuing to enjoy life. She was a member of the Cane and Able stroke club for most of those years, coming to meetings with friends until Bill retired and was able to join her. I remember her for her unflinching good cheer and for saving clippings about stroke which she would bring in so we could xerox them for the rest of the group. She and Bill saw many years of new members, always helping them to understand that life could be good, even following a stroke. We will miss her cheerful spirit and spontaneous laughter. All our sympathy to the Large family as you travel on without Mary, but with her spirit held close.
Polly and Bill McIlrath

Polly McIlrath - February 07, 2017 at 01:46 PM