



## Mary C. McKay

July 14, 1921 - April 23, 2016

McKay, Mary C., age 94 a resident of Berkley for 65 years, passed away peacefully at home with family by her side on April 23, 2016. She was born July 14, 1921 to the late Walter and Gladys (Snider) Howard in Detroit, MI. Beloved wife of the late Robert; whom she married on May 5, 1951 at Metropolitan Methodist Church in Detroit, MI the Reverend J. Smoot officiated. Loving mother of devoted son Jameson "Jamie" (Joni) and the late Nancy McClurg; proud grandmother of Steve (Melva) McClurg, Heather Ralston, Mandy, Emily and Cody McKay; great-grandmother of Joseph, Joshua, and Savanna McClurg, Nancy and George Ralston; and dear sister of Raymond Howard, the late Jane Janssen, the late George "Bud" Howard, the late James Howard (her twin) and the late Robert "Robbie" Howard.

Mary graduated from Lincoln High School, Ferndale, MI in 1939; two years at Highland Park Jr. College followed; then two years at Mercy College of Nursing in Detroit, MI. She received her State of Michigan Board Certification on October 20, 1943. She was a surgical nurse from 1943 thru 1947 caring for numerous World War II soldiers at Michigan Mutual Hospital in Detroit, MI.

Mary was a scout leader for The Girl Scouts Club in Berkley for many years. She loved children, listening to music, good food and was an avid Detroit Tigers fan. She was a woman of deep faith, devoted to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Mary was formerly a member of Metropolitan Methodist Church

of Detroit, The Community Congregational Church of Lathrup Village where she served several years as the Crib-Room Nurse and Calvary Baptist Church of Hazel Park.

Interment at Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak, MI. A Memorial Luncheon for family and friends will be held in her honor at 12 noon on June 11, 2016 at Pasquale's Restaurant, 31555 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak, MI 48073. If you plan on attending, please R.S.V.P. to Jamie or Joni McKay. For further information, please contact Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak at 248-541-7000. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

## Cemetery Details

### Oakview Cemetery

1032 N. Main Street  
(south of 12 Mile Road)  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

## Previous Events

### Memorial Luncheon

JUN 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

Pasquale's Restaurant  
31555 Woodward Avenue  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Your best friend Dean, Tina, Rick, and Dana purchased the Violets And Butterflies for the family of Mary C. McKay.*



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**Your best friend Dean, Tina, Rick, and Dana** - June 10, 2016  
at 03:10 PM

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“ *Judy Dover and Steve purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary C. McKay.*



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**Judy Dover and Steve** - June 07, 2016 at 02:31 PM

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“ *Mary was a good and true friend to my mother-in-law, Velma Mae Abston for a long time. They also attended church together for several years at Calvary Baptist a long time ago. Because of that Velma met and married Larry Holman. Mary and her husband Bob had a lot of good times with Velma and Larry. Thank you Mary for the friendship and happiness you shared with Velma. We are praying for your family today, asking God to give them peace and hope for the future. May we all rejoice with Mary in heaven some day. Sincerely, Linda Abston, daughter-in-law to Velma, on her behalf.*

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**Linda Abston** - May 02, 2016 at 11:57 AM

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*I did not know Mrs. McKay, but I just left the estate sale after purchasing some nursing books. I felt compelled to learn more about her as I am also a nurse. I was happy to find her very detailed obituary. She was obviously an amazing woman. I am honored to have these books and will treasure them. God bless you.*

*Sincerely,  
Kristen Crane*

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**Kristen Crane** - April 08, 2017 at 01:31 PM