



## Mary Irene Morrison

July 30, 1936 - June 8, 2023

Mary Irene Morrison, beloved mother, grandmother, and sister, passed away on June 8, 2023, at the age of 86, in Farmington Hills, Michigan. She was born on July 30, 1936, in Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, Canada, to Michael and Ellen (Garland) Coady.

Mary's life was marked by her unwavering dedication to service and her warm, loving spirit.

On January 28, 1967, Mary married the love of her life, John Morrison. Their union was a testament to the power of love, trust, and mutual support. Although John preceded her in death on June 23, 1996, Mary carried his memory in her heart and cherished the love they shared throughout their years together.

Mary's greatest joy in life came from her role as a devoted mother to her children, Michael Currie, Kevin (Melissa) Morrison, and Sean Morrison. She embraced the joys and challenges of motherhood with grace, offering unwavering support, guidance, and unconditional love to her children. Mary's legacy lives on through her grandchildren, Ally and Aidan, who brought immeasurable happiness to her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Michael and Ellen Coady, her

sister, Angela, as well as her two brothers, Fr. Linus Coady and John Coady. She is also survived by her younger brother Jay. Their memories will forever be treasured by those who loved them.

Mary Irene Morrison will be remembered for her kind-hearted nature, her infectious laughter, and her genuine care for others. She had an extraordinary ability to make everyone feel valued and loved, and her presence brightened any room she entered. Her legacy of compassion, strength, and unwavering love will continue to inspire all who knew her.

The family has asked in lieu of flowers donations be made to The Special Olympics Organization [www.support.specialolympics.org](http://www.support.specialolympics.org)  
Memorial Services will be held at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 6:30 pm. The family will be receiving guests at the funeral home from 1:00 pm until the time of service. The family asks that you share a memory at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Previous Events

## Memoria Gathering

JUN 20. 1:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
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## Scripture Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Mary Irene Morrison* ”



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**Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors** - June 20, 2023 at 04:15 PM

“ Another golden link has been physically removed from our family circle. The Coady and Morrison cousins are fortunate to have childhood memories of family visits, vacations and special celebrations when we came together as family, regularly in Newfoundland and Labrador. Despite the physical distance between us all, Aunt Irene was the one who made this happen each year during our childhood. She knew the importance of family and the work that it entailed in keeping it running like a well-maintained machine and she had no problem being in charge of the maintenance. Each summer, she planned her travel itinerary to include time with each one of her brothers and their families. For those memories, we are grateful.

I'll always treasure my memory of being on a plane for the first time with Aunt Irene to spend time with her, Uncle John, Kevin and Sean during my summer vacation. Daily swims in the backyard and trips to the 7-Eleven were a highlight. I will always think of Aunt Irene when I see a pack of Milk Duds. I recall being introduced to those chocolate covered caramel delights and we purchased them daily during my first visit to Berkely. Celebrating my twelfth birthday at Big Boys and an amazing trip to Cedar Point Amusement Park followed by a quick dip of our toes in Lake Erie was definitely a 12<sup>th</sup> birthday to remember. Aunt Irene was great with the schedules and planning and Uncle John was the fun factor to balance out a memorable stay. My love of ABBA and Neil Diamond is another tribute to Aunt Irene. Our first family ABBA record was purchased at Hudsons and Voulez-vous is still a family treasure.

It was clear that life was changing on our return trip in 2010 when Dad and I visited to attend the Woodward Dream Cruise. The pool was no longer there, Uncle John was deceased and it was evident that Aunt Irene was facing an internal struggle with the early onset of dementia but she was defensive, strong and desperately trying to keep things maintained. It was difficult to later learn that she could no longer be able to care for Sean, her reason for BEING. We lost her and her ability to connect us with one another when dementia took over her life and she had to leave Robina Avenue. It was heart-breaking to hear that she repeatedly told family members that she

*was in the place where we called but she would be leaving on Thursday or she would tell us that Sean was away and he would be coming home on Thursday. Aunt Irene, your Thursday finally came. You are at rest now with the people you loved, especially your dear mother who was taken from you at the tender age of twelve. It's time to fly high again, schedule and plan those gatherings and take charge! Until we meet again.*

*With lots of love and memories,*  
*Michelle (Coady) Power*

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**Michelle Power** - June 20, 2023 at 02:15 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Irene Morrison.*



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June 20, 2023 at 07:05 AM

“Michael Currie, Kevin (Melissa) Morrison, and Sean Morrison and all who knew and loved Irene ~ and John "Howie"~ and while frankly stumped with how in the world to sum up 50+years of knowing, loving and as Irene's friend... I had the great benefit of being introduced to Irene as she scolded me, over the telephone, for not showing up to clean up after the 3 and 4 year old in the co-op my Michelle and Irene's Kevin attended...It was my turn after all and Irene WAS in charge... I had another child and an infant at the time- one was ill and I'd forgotten all about the schedule. ... Irene later showed up at my door... and we became fast friends through years and years of growth, laughter so rich our sides ached and tears ran down our faces... grief so deep we shared our ways through it... shared meals, celebrations, discoveries and a sister kind of sharing that grew beyond the unimaginable times... and disagreements we laughed our socks off over, time and again... The story of our first meeting was shared countless times. Irene would pop-in whenever she felt like it, and I would do the same over the years... As Irene's recognition of times and people, places and thoughts began to recede Irene's spirit for life did not diminish. We visited in person in her new home where she said she was visiting until "Kevin picks me up on Thursday" and we talked over the phone. Irene "with the first name of Mary" blessed countless lives... she organized her work with the bereavement committee at Our Lady of LaSalette, with the same dedication she did at the "Little Red School House" (the pre-school where my Michelle, and Irene & Howie's Kevin attended in its' spectacularly clean environment (... except for that time).... Irene provided transportation to shelters for countless people living in circumstances of homelessness while asking, listening to their experiences and advising ways beyond homelessness with the caring and sharing of a dear neighbor. Irene loved and cared and shared and would let unexpected words with a Newfie dialect find a new home in a person's heart. oh. I can never sum up all the years of this 'lil dynamo ... though I need to sum up here...and that is easy. Irene blessed ~ And now as Irene dances in Heaven ... we pass those blessings of hers forward, together. w love, Jill

**Jill** - June 19, 2023 at 02:28 PM

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“ *Kevin, Sean, and family,*

*My heartfelt condolences on the passing of your Mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Michael D McCarthy** - June 18, 2023 at 11:05 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Irene Morrison.*



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June 16, 2023 at 06:38 PM