



Mary L. Nykanen

August 11, 1941 - April 21, 2012

Nykanen, Mary. Age 70. April 21, 2012.

Beloved mother of Jim Tracey Torosian and Dave Kelly. Proud grandmother of Danielle, Elizabeth, Rosalie and Benjamin. Mary also leaves behind her beloved dog, Lucy. Visitation Tuesday 5-8 p.m. and Wednesday 3-8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Funeral Service Thursday 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Memorials appreciated to American Diabetes Association or to the Library for the Blind. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

SD

“ I have so many delightful memories of Mary from when we lived on "upper" Parkdale back in the late 60s, early 70s. Her sense of humor kept us going through the pre-school and grade school years of parenting. Her sons were her whole world to her. My girls Shelley and DawnMarie thought she was so cool.

Sherry & Don Dungjen - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Rob, Jennifer and boys

Sharp Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ I was so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. I knew her from Lockman Elementary when she was media clerk there. A nicer, sweeter person you could never find. I remember going to a Halloween wedding where she dressed as a giant pink fairy godmother with a tutu and tights and the whole get up. What a riot! She was always so much fun. We will all miss her. Connie Ewalt

Connie Ewalt - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Donn, Sherry, Trevor, Kaiya

Donn Hilker - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ We are very sorry for your lost. Please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this time.

Sheryl and Matthew Strong - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ My sincere sympathy to all of Mary's family. I so enjoyed her friendliness, humor, and concern for others when we were both at Northwood. What a great loss.

Elaine Coulton Kentala - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VK

“ All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.

virginia kunce - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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SS

“ Dave, Jim, Tracey, Kelly, and grandchildren, You were HUGHLY loved by Mary. You all were so caring with her. My most sincere condolences. How come no one is talking about her singing? She sure could throw a party, remember the July 4th fireworks parties? Half the town was there and a great time was had by all. And Mary was famous for her Halloween costumes. The world will be a little greyer without Mary.

Sandy Stehney - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ I have fond memories of working with Mary for the Oakridge PTA. She was generous with her time and energy for PTA events and a great supporter of any program that touched her family. I loved her humor!

Marilyn Grazioli - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We were lucky enough to know Mary during her time at Northwood. A great lady with a flawless sense of humor and a strong dedication to the community. She will be missed.

The Tillander Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I worked with Mary at Northwood for just a short time, but I truly enjoyed her great sense of humor. They'll be chuckling in heaven today. God bless her.

Donna McCatty - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mary's passing...as many others have said, she was one of the funniest people. I remember many fun Christmas parties hosted by Mary for the RO secretaries in our early years...she was a great lady!! I am certain her laughter will be missed!

Nancy Beardsley - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Georgia Tibbitts - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Mary. Words are somehow inadequate at a time like this. You are all in our hearts and prayers.
The MacLean Family

Lisa MacLean - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Anyone who knew your mom probably have a zillion stories to share. But no one could tell a better version of those stories than our friend, Mary. She will be missed and remembered by many. Jim, David and family know that our prayers are with you.

Tom and Rita Kraniak - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ It was an incredible pleasure working with Mary in the Royal Oak Schools. Every secretary meeting and gathering with Mary was absolutely hilarious! She was the best. Rest in peace, my dear Mary.

Sue Kaczowski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Jim, I am so sorry to hear about your mother. My condolences to you and your family.

Alicia Stokes - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ My condolences to you and your family.

Dan DeGasperi - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I'm very sorry for your loss. I remember her as a strong supporter of the Kimball bands over the years and always being there for your performances.

Jim Conaton - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ I am so sorry to hear about Mary. My sincere condolences go out to her family! Mary was an important part of our Royal Oak Schools family. May she rest in peace

Kay Cornell - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I want to send my sincere sympathy to you. My memories of Mary go back to when I first met my husband Jim Pam Kurkowski's brother and we would go to Kurkowski's for parties. Mary was a blast to be around. I was also lucky to work with her when I was Lockman's secretary and she was the media clerk. We sure could stir things up all in fun. My memories of Mary have alot of laughter in them. Again, my sincere sympany to all of you.

Julie Gray - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Our sincerest condolences to the Nykanen Family. Steve & Noel Poissant

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RA

“ Dave & Kelly, I am sorry for your loss. You guys are so selfless. During this tough journey, you both put aside your personal sorrows to help others during their time of need.

Robin Ahmad - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ So very sorry to hear of your mother's death. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. She is in God's arms now.

Mike McNeece&Patty Crippen - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *My heart and prayers are with you and your family.*

CA - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Dave and family, We are so sorry for your family's loss and pray that you are comforted by our Savior's unending love. Know that the entire Stingray family is here to support you during this difficult time.*

Julie Folkert - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *So sorry for your loss. I talked to your mom on several occasions and she was such a nice person.*

Laura Chinn - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ *Aunt Mary, even though our paths were severed years ago, I remember the memories of my youth and the fun family get togethers with my dad, Terri and your family on our Sunday visits. You will be missed and were loved by many.....RIP*

Amy Nykanen - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Mary and I had some great conversations on the telephone. She had some great stories to tell from the past and loved to tell me about her family, especially her grandkids. Our thoughts and prayers are with you through this difficult time.*

Bernie and Michelle Hawkins - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ We are very sorry about your mother/mother-in-law/grandmother. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you. Jeff and Kathie vonSchwarz

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GT

“ Dave and Family: You will be in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry for your loss. Genevieve Tusa

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