



Mary Florence O'Dea

January 20, 1922 - September 8, 2010

Mary Florence Nowak O'Dea, age 88, a resident of Ferndale, formerly of Detroit, died September 8, 2010 in Royal Oak. She was born January 20, 1922 in Toledo, OH. Mrs. O'Dea attended Sacred Heart grade school and high school, and then Marygrove College in Detroit. She worked for Delta Airlines in the 1960's, and then for the Michigan Employment Security Commission until her retirement in 1988. She is survived by her children, Anne Marie John Duane of Royal Oak, Michael Patrice O'Dea of Tulsa, OK, Edward Charlotte O'Dea of Trenton and Thomas Margaret O'Dea of Rochester Hills; sister, Dorothy Polkowski of Walled Lake; and 10 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman O'Dea, on August 31, 1964; parents, Edward J. and Claire K. Nowak; sister, Claire Nowak; and brother-in-law, Stanley Polkowski. The visitation will be Friday 3-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. scripture service at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven Mile Road 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Mrs. O'Dea will lie in state Saturday 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass 10 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church in Ferndale, with the Rev. Steven Wertanen officiating. The burial will take place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Memorials to the Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, MI 48207. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

RA

“ *Sad to hear of Auntie Mary's passing, i am so glad I got to see her this summer. We have been traveling and will keep her and your family in our prayers.*

Rick and Rosy Allison - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ *So sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom. She raised a great family and I'm sure you will miss her very much.*

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

JT

“ *Anne, My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family as you go threw this difficult time.*

Joan Taylor - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ *Our sincere sorrow in the passing of Mary. Take solace in knowing she will ever be with her Lord and Savior.*

Wayne & Joan Stamps - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *MY PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU ANNE AND THE FAMILY. YOU WERE THE BEST OF DAUGHTERS AND YOUR MOM KNEW AND APPRECIATED THAT FACT. LOVE YA, DENISE*

DENISE EAKINS - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *The Odea family----you had the best mom in the world---she was a brave and fearless lady till the end. You all took exceptional care of you and she can be proud of all of you. I love Aunt Mary very much and will think of the good times always. The blessed Mary was with her always and I admire her strong faith. My condolences to all of you. love your cousin Joanne Von mach And Kurt Chelsea Adam Tara and Alex.*

joanne von mach - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM