



Mary Snyder

August 21, 1943 - January 3, 2026

Mary Elizabeth Snyder, age 82, passed away peacefully on January 3, 2026. She was born on August 21, 1943, and lived a life defined by deep love for her family, generosity toward others, and joy in the simple pleasures of life. Mary was the beloved wife of Terry T. Snyder, with whom she shared 57 years of marriage. They were married on October 4, 1968, and built a life rooted in devotion, laughter, and family traditions. She was a loving mother to Chris Carol (Doug) Oliver and children; Robert (Gloria) Hocking and children; Shannon (Marc) Newby and children; Christine (the late Paul) Shelton; James (Shawn) Snyder; and William (Holly) Snyder. Mary was a proud and devoted grandmother to Danielle Hocking, Tiffany (Daniel) Kennedy, Katelynn (Joshua) DeBruyne, Joshua (Elizabeth) Shelton, Alexis (Evan) Olds, Dillon (Abigail) Shelton, Julia Shelton, Isabella Snyder, and Luke Snyder. She was also blessed with great-grandchildren Brendan Kennedy, Luna Hocking, Hayden Kennedy, Ginny Shelton, Raelynn Kennedy, Gwen Shelton, and Elijah DeBruyne, each of whom brought her immense joy. Mary is also survived by her dear sister, Gail (the late Ken) Wilson, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert Gross and Marguerite Adamian; her sons, Richard "Ricky" Hocking and Terry "Bubba" Snyder; and her sister, Roberta "Bobbie" (Tom) Peterson. Mary had a true love for life. She especially enjoyed cruising in her cherished '55 Chevy and loved participating in the Woodward and Gratiot Dream Cruises. She found happiness in cooking and baking for her family, always

making sure no one left her home hungry. Summers were often spent fishing and camping at Groveland Oaks Campground in Holly, surrounded by her entire family, memories that will be treasured forever.

Mary's greatest gift was her heart. She was an exceptionally kind and loving woman who made everyone feel welcome, valued, and cared for. Her home was always open, her table always full, and her arms always ready to comfort. Mary had a way of putting others before herself, never hesitating to help anyone in need. Her kindness was not just something she did, it was who she was. The impact of her loving spirit will live on in the countless lives she touched, and her memory will forever be a source of comfort and inspiration to those who had the privilege of knowing her.

A memorial gathering will be held on Friday, January 9, 2026, from 3-8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall rd. (3blks. E. of Van Dyke) in Utica.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, any memorial donations be made out to the Utica-Shelby Township Kiwanis Club at: <<https://kiwa1.litetuition.com/>>.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JAN 9. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317

Tribute Wall

LG

“ Love Gary and Sue Greiner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Snyder.

Love Gary and Sue Greiner - January 09 at 01:52 PM



“ "On Angel's Wings" Sympathy Gift Wind Chime to Send for Funeral Or Memorial was purchased for the family of Mary Snyder.



January 09 at 01:52 PM

BF

“ Beltran F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Snyder.

Beltran F. - January 08 at 10:20 PM

LG

“ Love, Gail purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mary Snyder.



Love, Gail - January 08 at 06:01 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Snyder.



January 08 at 01:57 PM



“ DuPont planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Snyder.

DuPont - January 08 at 01:57 PM



“ Jacob Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Snyder.

Jacob Smith - January 08 at 09:36 AM



“ Jacob Smith purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mary Snyder.



Jacob Smith - January 08 at 09:36 AM



“ GM'S ME BODY TEAM purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Snyder.



GM'S ME BODY TEAM - January 06 at 05:17 PM

LS

“ Larence S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Snyder.

Larence S. - January 06 at 01:06 PM

DG

“ Dennis and Sheryl Gross, James & Lisa Gross purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Snyder.



Dennis and Sheryl Gross, James & Lisa Gross - January 05 at 03:13 PM

LF

“ Love Susan & John Frawley and Family. purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mary Snyder.



Love Susan & John Frawley and Family. - January 05 at 02:54 PM

LF

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Love Susan & John Frawley and Family. - January 05 at 02:54 PM

HJ

“*Mary was a blessing to all that knew her, and I feel truly privileged to have known her. She will be deeply missed. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Wishing you peace, comfort, and strength as you navigate the days ahead.*

~Heather and Bryan Jones

Heather Jones - January 05 at 01:26 PM

LC

“*Thinking of you Terry and family, It was very obvious when you were with Mary at some family gathering, just how much her family meant to her. I saw that she was always there for them when needed. I will remember this and her kindness. Sending prayers for comfort to all of you. With our deepest sympathy and love, Pete and Linda Caie*

Linda and Pete Caie - January 05 at 12:42 AM

TH

“*Our hearts are with your family during this incredibly difficult time. Your mom was clearly so deeply loved, and that love will continue to live on through each of you. We are grateful we were able to see Mary in September. We are so sorry for your loss and are holding you close in our thoughts and prayers.*

Dear Heavenly Father, please surround this family with Your peace and comfort. Hold them close in their grief, give them strength for each day, and remind them they are never alone. Thank You for the life, love, and legacy Mary leaves behind. May Your presence bring rest and hope in the days ahead. Amen.

Sending love, comfort, and prayers to you all. ☐

-Tracy & Matt Hoel

Tracy Hoel - January 04 at 09:22 PM

RF

“ *Radovanovic Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mary Snyder.*



Radovanovic Family - January 04 at 08:56 PM