



Mary Ellen Soma

September 19, 1943 - August 8, 2016

Soma, Mary Ellen, age 72, a longtime resident of Royal Oak, passed away August 8, 2016 at her home. She was born September 19, 1943 in Royal Oak to the late Ed and Mary O'Halloran. Mary Ellen worked for the City Assessor's office in both Royal Oak and Berkley. She was a member of the Royal Oak Kiwanis Club, loved to volunteer at the Royal Oak Animal Shelter and was an avid supporter of Shrine Schools. Although she enjoyed being active in her community, Mary Ellen's favorite pastime was spending time with her grandchildren and watching their activities. Loving mother of Marie Soma (Terry Amerson), John (Caelan) Soma, James (Nichole) Soma and Mark (Jennifer) Soma; dear sister of Terry O'Halloran, Michael O'Halloran and Patricia McDonough; and proud grandmother of Maya, Gabriella, Luscia, Zachariah, Sophia, Caesar, Maren and Anthony.

Visitation Thursday 3-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. scripture service at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak. In state Friday 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass 10 a.m. at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, Royal Oak. Burial at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy. Memorials to the Royal Oak Animal Shelter, 1515 N. Edgeworth Avenue, Royal Oak, MI 48067 are appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
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Scripture Service

AUG 11. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

AUG **12**. 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica
2100 W. 12 Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Soma.*



August 11, 2016 at 12:03 PM



“ *Me and Mrs terry Amerson you have my prayers and condolences*

loretta bullock - August 11, 2016 at 11:11 AM



“ *Cece Risner and Jesus Ramirez (Johnson Controls) purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Ellen Soma.*



Cece Risner and Jesus Ramirez (Johnson Controls) - August 11, 2016 at 09:48 AM



“ *It wasn't wise to miss a sporting event my grand kids were in at shrine. If I did she made sure that I realized I should have been there to lend support. I usually heard about it at our Kiwanis meetings.*

*She was a great volunteer at Kiwanis events and will be missed
Chuck Button*

Chuck Button - August 11, 2016 at 09:02 AM

PL

“ *Peggy Ludwig purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Ellen Soma.*



Peggy Ludwig - August 11, 2016 at 08:30 AM

DL

“ *With wonderful high school memories of a sweet lady, may Our Lord bless and comfort her family at this time.*

*With fond memories,
Donna Elsarelli Higgins*

DLH - August 11, 2016 at 07:16 AM

CF

“ *Cheryll Warrick and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Ellen Soma.*



Cheryll Warrick and Family - August 11, 2016 at 01:07 AM

CW

“ It's hard to believe that 17 years ago when Mary Ellen first came down to the Clerk's office and told me to grab my things that I was actually a little afraid of her. But she welcomed me to their office. Took me in and treated me like a co-worker, a friend, a daughter. The longer I worked with her the closer we became and when I left in 2010, saying goodbye to her and some of my other close friends was one of the hardest things I had ever done. There is nothing more valued than true friendship. Mary Ellen had the biggest heart and cared for everyone even our furry friends. Those special memories of her will always bring a smile. She always meant so very much and always will. My heart goes out to all her loved ones. She made the world we live in a better and happier place. Thank you Mary Ellen for being my friend.~Cheryll Warrick

Cheryll Warrick - August 11, 2016 at 12:55 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Soma.



August 11, 2016 at 12:49 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Soma.



August 10, 2016 at 09:43 PM

JZ

“ Thinking of you all during this difficult time and keeping you all in my prayers for comfort. Jill Zamojcin

Jill Zamojcin - August 10, 2016 at 09:21 PM

JM

“ A good friend, a joyful Kiwanian, a wise public servant, and never happier than when she was talking about her family, and the animal shelter. You will be missed. John Miller, Royal Oak Kiwanis Club

John Miller - August 10, 2016 at 08:26 PM

AB

“ Aaron Studier & Mendy Balian purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mary Ellen Soma.



Aaron Studier & Mendy Balian - August 10, 2016 at 03:43 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Soma.



August 10, 2016 at 03:01 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Soma.*



August 10, 2016 at 02:51 PM



“ *Love, Jeff, Alison and Zinnia purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Mary Ellen Soma.*



Love, Jeff, Alison and Zinnia - August 10, 2016 at 11:47 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Soma.*



August 10, 2016 at 10:46 AM



“ *Jim and Colleen George purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Ellen Soma.*



Jim and Colleen George - August 10, 2016 at 09:35 AM

TM

“ Terry and Mike purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Mary Ellen Soma.



Terry and Mike - August 10, 2016 at 08:07 AM

CZ

“ I have known Mary Ellen for years as a vibrant member of our Royal Oak community. She was a very giving person, and a lovely person to work with on volunteer projects. She was kind and caring and we knew she loved her family, her precious grandchildren, and her animals. Now she can take care of all the pets in heaven! God bless you Mary Ellen, and my sincere sympathy to the family.
Cathy Naas Zimmerman

Catherine Zimmerman - August 09, 2016 at 08:51 PM

TG

“ Trish and Bill Guarino purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Ellen Soma.



Trish and Bill Guarino - August 09, 2016 at 08:48 PM

BW

“ Thoughts and prayers are with the entire Soma family.
May your mom rest in peace, Jim.

Your other family in Wisconsin
The Weiss Family

Brian Weiss - August 09, 2016 at 07:53 PM

AT

“ *mary ellen was our neighbor and her boys were friends of our boys. she was also my classmate at shrine class of 61. we were sorry to here of her passing. she will be missed by her family and we will pray that they are comforted by the good memories of their mom and grandmother. sincerely anne tillotson*

anne tillotson - August 09, 2016 at 07:06 PM

CZ

“ *Mary Ellen was such a giving person. She was a volunteer for so many different charities but the Animal Shelter will miss her the most. She was such a caring person and will certainly be missed.*

Chris Zimmel - August 09, 2016 at 06:12 PM