



Mary Catherine Tobin

March 17, 1950 - January 7, 2014

Mary C. Tobin, age 63, of Royal Oak, passed away suddenly on January 7, 2014.

Loving mother of Meghan and Emily. Beloved daughter of the late Charles and Alberta Dineen. Dear sister of Nora Gary McMullen, Chuck Stacie Dineen and the late Elizabeth "Biddy" Dineen. Aunt of Corey and Maura.

Grandmother to Puddin. Mary was born on St. Patrick's Day in Niagara Falls, NY. She moved to Royal Oak, MI when she was 14 years old and attended Shrine High School. She worked as a dietary aide at Beaumont Hospital until the birth of her first child, Meghan, in 1975. In 1980 she was blessed with her second little girl, Emily.

She was a very caring and generous woman. Proud of both her Lithuanian & Irish heritage, Mary was always putting the needs of others ahead of her own. She loved gardening & baking and enjoyed Irish music & going out with "her gang". And as everyone knows, she loved her Detroit Tigers and MSU Spartans. Loved by all who knew her, Mary was an anchor in so many peoples' lives. This is especially true in the case of her mother, Abbey whom she took care of in her later years. Devoted daughter, loving mother, dear sister & aunt. Care giver. Neighbor. Friend. Mary's smile and warm heart will be missed by all whose lives she touched. The visitation will be Friday 2-8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road 4 blocks E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Mary will lie in state Saturday 11:30 a.m. until the time of the Mass 12 noon at the National Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal

Oak. Memorials to ASPCA are appreciated.

Tribute Wall

MH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. As the days and weeks pass, and you return to life's routine, may you be comforted by our ...God and Father of our Lord... the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those in any sort of tribulation through the comfort with which we ourselves are being comforted by God". 2 Cor. 1: 3, 4. Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Please also find comfort in the following: John 11:11 where Jesus said, "...Lazarus our friend has gone to rest, but I am journeying there to awaken him from the sleep." Our Heavenly Father holds out the hope of the resurrection and the ability to see our loved ones again.

Mrs Higgins - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ So sorry to hear of Mary's passing. My Mother & I met Mary on our 1st trip to Ireland. She was a joy to be around and I'm sure she will be greatly missed.

Mary Treppa - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AO

“ Dear Tobin family, May the angels welcome your mom into Paradise with Irish music. love and prayers, your O'Donnell cousins in Niagara Falls

Alicia and Bill O'Donnell - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Meghan and Emily: We were so shocked and sad to hear about your mom's death. She was such a wonderful person and we hope you know how much she meant to all of our kids. We wish we would have known about the funeral so we could've said goodbye one more time. Please call if there's anything we can do for either of you. Love, Maryann, Bob, Maddy, Chris and Bridget

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

DB

“ Dear Meghan and Emily, We were so shocked and sorry to hear of the death of your mother. She was a wonderful friend and we always enjoyed the times we shared. We were part of the group that attended the "Soup Supper" on Saturday. Mary had such a good time and her Tomato Soup was a hit! You have been in our thoughts and prayers since we learned of her passing. Sadly, we are out of town and will not be able to attend the services for your mom. Know that she will always be a special light in our lives and we will remember her with love.

Dorothy and Bill Babbage - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Whilst doing some research into the Dineens of Niagara Falls my father's mother was a Dineen from Co. Kerry, I came across your mother's obituary. Your grandfather, Charles, would have been a first cousin of my father. I was shocked and saddened to see she passed away just a few days ago. If it is any consolation, when I go to Mass this evening I will offer it up for her, so that prayers will be coming to her from Ireland. Ar dheis lamh De go raibh a anam dilis. Carmel McCarthy, Termonfeckin, Co. Louth Ireland

Carmel McCarthy - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“*Meghan & Emily, Sorry to hear about your loss and keeping you both in my thoughts & prayers. Your mother took care of me as a young child and I have fond memories playing in your back yard and the walks she'd take us on. She would always make me a special lunch to accomodate my "picky" eating habits and I always enjoyed running into her in the neighborhood as I grew up. She was a wonderful person! -Jack Brennan*

Jack Brennan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AB

“*My family was fortunate to have had the chance to get to know Mary over the past two years, as my son and very recently, daughter attended her in-home daycare. Though we only knew her a short time, I am sure the positive impacts Mary made in her lifetime are far-reaching - what I assume many aspire to do but few actually achieve. From her friends and family to the many children she so lovingly cared for, I am certain I am one of many that feel blessed to have known her. We are heartbroken but will remember her fondly. We are so sorry, Meghan and Emily. You are in our thoughts and prayers. The Smith Family - Jonathon, Amy Baker, Henry, and Eliza*

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

NG

“*Dear Meghan & Emily, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mother was an amazing lady and thinking about the time I spent at your house during my pre-school years immediately brings back a flood of great memories. I always looked forward to spending time with your mom because she treated us like we were one of her own. She will be missed terribly but her memory lives on with every person who was lucky enough to know her. Sending love and positive thoughts during this tough time. -Nick*

Nick George - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Dearest Dineens'--I have know your family almost 45 yrs.--Your mother-my sweet confidant for many years- shared her love with me for her children-very often--The family often baby-sat for my children--Mary-became my "Dineen-Contact" when her Mom passed--Mary-always so happy and giving to her parents,sister, brother, her aunts, and her Megan and Emily--Not too much got her down-she was a surviving force!!Her cup was always 1/2 full and she so loved to travel--I will truly miss our e-mails and phone calls-- All of the Dineens' are in my heart forever--Pat Sloan Bowers

pat sloan bowers - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Mary and D took care of my girls in her home. My oldest, Quinn, from 3 months old to the time she started kindergarten. We loved her, and we trusted her, and I am sad to know that she will no longer be able to afford the same loving care to other children. I will miss you, Mary. Meghan and Emily, I am so sorry for your loss.

Sarah Mulally - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ My neighbor, my friend I will miss her so very much. Her caring heart and love of life were some of my favorite things about her. My thoughts, prayers and condolences go out to the family especially Meghan and Emily. It is so very hard to let go of someone who was really still too young to go. God Bless!

Christine Feist - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ I have a very fond memory of Mary welcoming me and my family to Shrine of the Little Flower Parish. I know her sister, Nora, from St. Martha's in Okemos. After Nora had shared with her that I was moving to Royal Oak and joining Shrine, Mary sought me out at mass one morning. She introduced herself and warmly welcomed us to the parish. She made me feel so good about our move! I have thought of her many times since then... she provided an important lesson to me about the virtue of true hospitality. Such a sad loss for our community. She is in our prayers, as is her family. May God bless them!

Margie Roty Neumann - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Meghan and Emily, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your dear Mother. My thoughts, prayers and heart are with you.

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

MS

“ Warm, compassionate, witty, intelligent, curious, honest and a true and loyal friend--this was our Mary. It seems impossible that she has left this world so soon, and we are devastated at the loss of her companionship. I'd give anything for one more of her sweet smiles and tender hugs.

Mary Ellen & Dean Stanley - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Mary was a wonderful, warm, generous, funny and bright friend, and we all loved her dearly. Our hearts go out to the family as we grieve with you. Sending love to you....Pat, Lori and Sam

Lori Putnam - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM