



## Maurine E. Kelly

February 12, 1921 - March 29, 2020

Maurine E. Kelly, age 99, passed away on March 29, 2020. She was born on February 12, 1921, in Ferndale and was a lifelong resident of Michigan. She was working in a bar when she met the love of her life, Jim. They were wed in Pontiac and spent their honeymoon cruising the Great Lakes, even though she suffered from bad motion sickness.

They bought a home in Royal Oak in 1942 where they raised their three children, Cathy, Scott, and Margaret. It was a home filled with love, laughter, and a practical "we can fix anything" mindset. Maurine was known to craft many things including clothing, socks, doll clothes, afghans, and her yearly Halloween beanbags. She had a green thumb and she never met a plant that she wouldn't try to grow.

Her family has many fond memories of her. Her daughter, Catherine, remembers her determination to learn how to read by attending night school in the 1960s and then filling her home with books afterward. Her daughter, Margaret, says her need to tinker came from the belief that if you could open something up then you could probably fix it, along with her stubbornness. Her son Scott warns that if you ever took her up on her offer to play checkers, she would mop the floor with you!

Maurine was the loving mother of Catherine (the late James) Haslett, Scott

(Pam) Kelly and Margaret Kelly (Elizabeth Calhoun). Proud grandmother of James (Shannon Weidemann) Haslett, Anne Kelly, Lisa (Kaivon) Assani and great grandmother of Gwen Haslett. She was predeceased by her husband James and her parents August and Almeda (Ayris) Thorson.

# Cemetery Details

## **Oakview Cemetery**

1032 N. Main Street  
(south of 12 Mile Road)  
Royal Oak, MI 48067