



## Mona B. Cioffi

January 24, 2020

Mona B. Cioffi passed peacefully in her sleep early Friday morning. She is survived by her daughter April Quinn, her husband Kevin Quinn, and their children Cait Quinn (George Murphy III) and Drew Quinn; her son Derek Cioffi, his wife Holly Cioffi (née Grejda), and their children Grant Cioffi and William Cioffi; and her youngest son, Shawn Cioffi, his ex-wife Carrie McGuire (née Jackson), and their children Jackson Cioffi and Joseph Cioffi. Mona was predeceased by her parents Edward Bergman and Mona Bergman (née Walsh).

Mona grew up in a family with 8 children and in 1965 was the first to move away from home to attend the University of Detroit. She married and raised 3 children. Mona continued her education while raising her family and in 1982 became a certified teacher. Mona continued her passion for education by obtaining a master's degree from Michigan State University in curriculum design. She taught in a multitude of public and private schools, including a long tenure as principal of St. Bede Catholic School. After her retirement, she couldn't stay away from her love of teaching and returned to work as a media specialist, where she ran the library in 2 Royal Oak elementary schools.

Mona was a loving nana to her 6 grandchildren. She enjoyed spending time with them, whether it be at the park, on a vacation or just simple sleepovers. She made them feel safe and unconditionally loved. She also enjoyed crafts,

ranging from stained glass to sewing, and was handy with tools when decorating or renovating her home.

She will be greatly missed by her family and her educational community. Thanks for all the support and love everyone gave Mona. It made a positive difference for her.

We will be celebrating her life on Saturday, February 8th from 12 pm until the time of the service at 1:30 pm at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak, with a gathering following at a local restaurant - TBD.

In lieu of flowers, we will be hosting a book drive in appreciation for the grade school libraries where Mona worked and was made to feel at home by the staff and students. For those who wish to participate, please bring a new or gently used book to the service or mail to April Quinn, 2696 Kenwyck Drive, Troy, MI 48085.

Alternatively, donations may be made in her name to Gilda's Club. During her illness Mona was excited about this community <https://www.gildasclubdetroit.org/get-involved/donate>.

The family has made a Google Photos page for friends and family to share pictures of Mona. Feel free to post photos! <https://photos.app.goo.gl/4EPSR1DMDN7y7tgK7>.

We will be updating as we finalize plans. For more details please check <https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com> or download the Everdays app and search for Mona.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

FEB 8. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Cioffi is not a common name, so I had to see for myself if our new media specialist was my Bluebird (and later Girl Scout) leader from long ago. The Cioffi family had lived on my block as a kid and I remember all of the crafts and some of the Native American names we were taught from age 7-9, by Mrs. Cioffi.*

*It was wonderful to catch up with Mona. I was lucky enough to work in the same two buildings where she ran the media center. We talked about the old neighborhood, our families and the people we knew in common. I cherished my time in the Addams Media Center with her and I would often steal away during my planning time just to say hi or see how things were going.*

*Her love of students and belief in education as a leveling field for all was obvious. Our students will remember her for her personalized in the moment "book talks" and recommendations. She was there when students needed help with information for a project and searched and listened for books our kids would love. At Addams there is a media center filled with love. Students wrote messages to explain how she will be missed. I will miss Mona for her wit, her kindness and her understandings of life. Rest in peace beautiful friend.*

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**Andrea Kirkwood** - February 06, 2020 at 12:38 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mona B. Cioffi.*



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February 06, 2020 at 12:07 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mona B. Cioffi.



February 05, 2020 at 01:39 PM



“ We worked with Mona at Winans, she was an Amazing friend, and co-worker. This was the day we all wore red in honor of women and heart disease. Christ in Grays, Pamela Russell



Pamela Russell - February 04, 2020 at 12:44 PM



I meant to say Kristen Grays

Pamela Russell - February 04, 2020 at 12:59 PM

KS

“ I first met Mona when her Grandson Joey was on the same soccer team as my son. She would always be at the games cheering him on. Her love for her family was always clear when we started working together, she found great joy in her grand kids, and was proud of them. As I continued to get to know Mona I gained a passionate, principled, caring friend that I will miss dearly. Our Addams Family has been remembering her by covering our Library windows with hearts in her honor. It is a beautiful display of what she meant to our staff and students. I added pictures to the Google Album to share. Rest in peace Mona, you will be missed and always remembered.

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**Kristin Smith** - February 04, 2020 at 10:49 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mona B. Cioffi.



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February 04, 2020 at 10:45 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Monas passing. I worked with her at St. Bede as a preschool teacher. My mom was the pastor associate at the church. I now work for Royal Oak Schools and did not realize she did too until I saw the message about her passing. I'm so sorry I missed the chance to catch up with her. She was a wonderful principal and a caring friend. My deepest sympathy to her family.

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**Michelle (Shelly) Fry** - January 30, 2020 at 02:37 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear the loss of Mrs Cioffi.. she was my teacher at Our Lady of LaSalette in the early 80s.. Prayers for her entire family at this difficult time 🙏🙏

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**Sara Carlson (Muncal)** - January 29, 2020 at 03:55 PM

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“ I never actually met Mona. She and I spoke as she was in the process of taking a leave of absence. Her spunk, her spirit got to me right away! She told me, "this cancer better watch out because I don't play!" I immediately loved her.

*Based on the outpouring of love and concern from colleagues and students in the Royal Oak schools, it's evident that she was well-loved. The kids are better off having known her and I'm sure her presence will be missed in the schools she worked. I wish I would have known her earlier-I think we would have been good pals.*

*Prayers for the family.*

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**Beth Caverly** - January 29, 2020 at 08:29 AM

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“ When I first started subbing and then teaching at Our Lady of LaSalette, Mona took me under her wings and “ Taught me the ropes “. I've never forgotten her kindness, patience and quirky sense of humor.  
*My sincerest condolences to the family.*

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**Marilyn de la Osa** - January 28, 2020 at 09:22 PM