



Norma Elaine Mathias

December 20, 1936 - April 11, 2016

Norma Elaine Mathias, age 79, of Madison Heights, passed away peacefully in her home on April 11, 2016 after a five-year struggle with cancer. She was born on December 20, 1936 in Wyandotte to Henry and Rose Thimmes. Norma was predeceased by her parents and sister, Mary Lou Thimmes. She is lovingly remembered by her husband, Melvin Lowell Mathias; children, Cynthia (Keith) Pellosmaa, Sandra (Keith) Wilkins and Jessica Mathias (Wesley McKenzie); siblings, James (Jonie) Thimmes, Henry (Barbara) Thimmes and Juanita (Jerry) Roberts; grandchildren, Sean (Shaleen) Wilkins, Lauren Wilkins (Anthony Hallett), Hollie Pellosmaa (Craig Gillam), Andrew Pellosmaa, Brandon Mathias and Markie Tisler; and two great grandchildren arriving this year in August will hear and know of her love.

Norma was a celebrated artist and the first to be invited by the Detroit Institute of Arts to exhibit her works in a private showing with the Hospice Angel Foundation in 2015. Her hobbies were reading, gardening, flea marketing and an occasional visit to the casino, but most of all, she loved spending time with her family and many friends.

A memorial visitation will be held Friday, April 22 from 1-8 p.m. with a service at 6 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak. A private interment will be at Ferndale Cemetery in Riverview. In lieu of flowers, please consider contributing to the

Detroit Institute of Arts, 5220 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

Ferndale Cemetery

14732 Sibley Road
Riverview, MI 48193

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

APR 22. 1:00 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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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Norma Elaine Mathias.*



April 22, 2016 at 01:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Norma Elaine Mathias.*



April 19, 2016 at 08:52 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the Mathias family. Norma will be missed by all.*

Hon. Robert J Turner

Hon Robert J Turner - April 17, 2016 at 06:58 AM



“ *My sympathy to the family. When death strikes the pain and grief can be intense . May you draw close to God in prayer and he will sustain you.-Psalms 55:22*

Ms. Tuffy - April 15, 2016 at 09:36 AM

BD

“ I remember a very kind and generous women who allowed a troubled young friend of her daughter Sandy to move into her spare bedroom when she was 18 years old!! I will be forever grateful to her and Mr. Mathias for caring about me when I really needed the support!!

But now it's time to paint in Heaven!!! And to wait for her remaining friends and family to follow!

God's Blessing to Sandy and her family, and "hugs & kisses" from Me!!!

*Love,
Brenda (Crews) DeCarlo*

Brenda DeCarlo - April 15, 2016 at 09:01 AM

MD

“ Michele Delongchamp lit a candle in memory of Norma Elaine Mathias



Michele Delongchamp - April 15, 2016 at 07:44 AM

MD

A very gentle soul.

Michele Delongchamp - April 15, 2016 at 07:46 AM

MH

“ We had so much fun on our trips up north to visit relatives! Norma had a great laugh and sense of humor. She also had so many talents along with modesty - she passed all of these on to her wonderful, caring daughters and family. She fought the good fight and is now reunited with family members who preceded her in death. We will all miss her very much.....hugs and kisses.....cousin Mary

Mary Hill - April 13, 2016 at 07:22 PM

JR

Norma will always be remembered by all who knew an loved her. She was a great sister, an would literally give you the shirt off her back. She was a strong woman an accomplished much in her lifetime. She met lifes challenges full on. For example, Like getting herself back into the work force when she found herself alone with three girls to raise. She never complained, just got out there. Norma went from a blue colar worker to a top management position with a large company. Numalogic, I believe was the name. She never thought for one minute that the top was unattainable. And she made it to the top. Good job Norm.

I agree with my cousin Mary, She did pass this determination on to her three awesome daughters. They were there with their mom to the very end. I believe because of their excellent home care, Norma was here longer than most would have been with that type of cancer. Her daughters went above an beyond. A true testament an trubute to their mom.

Our comfort in her passing is two fold. There is No more suffering an pain an she is now with all her loved ones that have gone before her. Until we meet again dear sister, I love you, RIP

juanita corne roberts - April 14, 2016 at 01:53 PM

RM

My love and prayers are with Norma as she enters into God's heaven and my love and prayers are with Norma's family as they say farewell, for now, to this beautiful soul. God bless you.
Rev. Renee Machiniak

Rev Renee Machiniak - April 20, 2016 at 08:10 PM



I Miss You Mom.

jessica - April 28, 2016 at 03:41 PM