



Nova Gwendolyn Mathena

October 29, 1924 - March 30, 2011

Nova Gwendolyn Mathena, age 86, a resident of Huntington Woods for more than 20 years, died March 30, 2011 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She was born October 29, 1924 in Detroit to the late James A. and V. Mabel Pitman. Mrs. Mathena worked as a unit secretary of scheduling at William Beaumont Hospital. She retired from Kelly Health where she did scheduling and payroll. She was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Birmingham, and loved to teach Sunday School and do volunteer work at church. She also enjoyed gardening at her home. She is survived by her husband, Donald B. Mathena; the couple married September 25, 1945 in Narrows, VA; children, Margaret Robert Kirkland, Daniel Cheryl Mathena and Pamela Ann Mathena; six grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her sister, Irene Sims. The visitation will be Friday 2-8:30 p.m. and service Saturday 11 a.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven Mile Road 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. The burial will take place at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery in Troy. Memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

MH

“ We have so many fond memories of Gwen and will never forget what a special person she was. She was Mom's best friend and she adored her. They both are with the Lord now, just 1 year apart. Our hearts go out to you during this hard time. We pray the Lord will comfort you and get you through the days ahead. We wish we had been in Michigan and able to be at the funeral but you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Margaret and Jon Hemingsen - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ We are by your side in thought and prayer. Don, we are just a phone call away. You know that we love you...

Ruby and Connie - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ My prayers and love are sent to all of Don and Gwen's beautiful family. I was priviledged to spend precious time with Gwen and Don during their many visits with Ruby and Connie's family in Orlando. Gwen was always so loving and caring to Vicki and all of the family. We shared many moments of laughter and fun times together playing cards and especially the game of Golf. Gwen had a heart of gold and would do anything she could to help you. The love between Don and Gwen was an inspiration to behold and I know the love they share will live on forever. I will keep Gwen and Don in my heart always. With love, memories and prayers ... I send my deepest sympathy. May God hold you in his arms always... Cheryl

Cheryl Pezoldt - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ We were so saddened to receive a phone call about Gwen. She will be missed by all. May God keeps his hands around your shoulder during these next days and weeks.

Robert and Donna Pitman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ You will be missed, Gwen.

Terry & Chris Brooks - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM