



## Rita M. Boylan

June 13, 1922 - October 28, 2014

Rita M. Boylan, age 92, a longtime resident of Royal Oak, passed away October 28, 2014 at her home. She was born June 13, 1922 in Highland Park to the late Edward and Bridget Theresa Ford. Mrs. Boylan graduated from St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing in 1944. She worked for Dr. Philip Neuman for 24 years. She was a former member of St. Benedict Catholic Church in Highland Park, Madonna Catholic Church in Detroit, and most recent of St. Mary Catholic Church in Royal Oak. She was the beloved wife of the late Walter W. "Bill" Boylan; the couple married May 5, 1945 at St. Benedict Catholic Church; loving mother of Michael Michelle Boylan of Royal Oak, Gerry Kathy Boylan of Royal Oak, Maryanne Charlie Boylan of Bath, Barbara Boylan of Cincinnati, OH, David Boylan of Encinitas, CA and the late Suzanne Charette, also survived by Suzanne's significant other, Jeff Ellison; dear sister of the late Mary Wagener, Fr. Walter Ford, Edward Ford, John Ford, Charles Ford, Marcella Bernhardt and Patricia Ford; proud grandmother of 10 grandchildren: Rachel James Charette, Shannon Steve Crepeau, Will Boylan-Pett, Moira Mike Clark, Liam Boylan-Pett, Joe Boylan, Dan Boylan, Quinn Boylan, Connor Albers and Annie Fanta; and five great grandchildren, Emeline, Asher, Eli, Eileen and Colin. The visitation will be Sunday 3-8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road 4 blocks E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Mrs. Boylan will lie in state Monday 10 a.m. until the time of the Mass 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church in Royal Oak. Inurnment will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit. Memorials to

Detroit PAL, Hospice of Michigan or Focus: HOPE are appreciated. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Tribute Wall

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