



Mary F. O'Connell

January 11, 1936 - April 13, 2025

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Mary O'Connell, a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and devoted member of every community she called home, passed away peacefully on April 13, 2025, at Angela Hospice in Livonia, Michigan, at the age of 89.

Mary was born on January 11, 1936, to Ethel (Hamilton) and Earnest Dodge. She was preceded in death by her parents; her siblings James, Helen, and Doris Ann; her first husband, Ed O'Connell; and her second husband, Gerald Snyder.

Mary is survived by her loving brother, Eugene, and her five daughters, each of whom carries on her legacy of strength and care: Anna O'Connell (Doug Houseman), Maureen McLean (Bud), Cindy Fleming (Todd), Sharon Cunningham (Andy), and Peggy Schroth (Dennis). She also leaves behind 11 cherished grandchildren, 10 adored great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Mary graduated from Mercy College of Detroit with a degree in nursing, and while raising her family in Livonia, Michigan, she immersed herself in civic life.

She was an active member of the Livonia Jaycees, proudly served as president and on the board of directors of the Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford, and a girl scout leader and GSUSA Neighborhood Chair and First Aid Trainer. After moving to Plymouth, she continued to share her talents and enthusiasm through community groups such as the local garden club.

A woman of remarkable creativity and skill, Mary founded Memories by Mary, a custom wedding dress business that she operated from her home. Her artistry and attention to detail made countless brides' dreams come true.

Upon retirement, Mary and Ed settled in Port Orange, Florida, where her deep faith continued to guide her. She lovingly sewed baptismal bibs and decorations for her parish, embodying the spirit of service in all she did. Mary was a devoted caregiver to Ed until his passing, and later found joy and companionship again with Gerald and his family, with whom she shared happy years before his death.

In her final chapter, Mary faced the challenges of Alzheimer's with grace, supported every step of the way by the devoted care of her daughters. Surrounded by love, she was given comfort, dignity, and peace in her final years.

Mary's legacy is one of warmth, generosity, faith, and fierce devotion to family. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Funeral to be held on Friday May 9. 2025, at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N Territorial Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170 Visitation 10:00 am with a mass following at 10:30am.

Arrangements in care of Jowett Funeral Home-New Haven.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Good Counsel
47650 N Territorial Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Funeral Mass

MAY 9. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary F. O'Connell.

May 13, 2025 at 11:06 PM



“ With sympathy, Karen Goodburne purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary F. O'Connell.



With sympathy, Karen Goodburne - May 07, 2025 at 09:26 PM



“ From Irina Fridman and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary F. O'Connell.



From Irina Fridman and Family - May 05, 2025 at 05:58 PM



“ From Irina Fridman and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary F. O'Connell.

From Irina Fridman and Family - May 05, 2025 at 05:58 PM

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“ Cindy, Sue, Karen, Missy and families purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mary F. O'Connell.



Cindy, Sue, Karen, Missy and families - May 04, 2025 at 04:39 PM

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“ Cindy, Sue, Karen, Missy and families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary F. O'Connell.

Cindy, Sue, Karen, Missy and families - May 04, 2025 at 04:39 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary F. O'Connell.



May 04, 2025 at 10:50 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary F. O'Connell.

May 04, 2025 at 10:50 AM

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“ Love, Linda & Patrick Ortman purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary F. O'Connell.



Love, Linda & Patrick Ortman - May 03, 2025 at 08:30 AM