



Anne M. Rowling

July 31, 1922 - July 24, 2018

Anne Marie Rowling, 95, passed to eternal life on July 24, 2018 at Blue Water Hospice, Marysville, Michigan following hours of music, prayers, love and encouragement with and from her close family. She was born to the late Frank and Anna Avender at their family farm home in Almont, Michigan on July 31, 1922, the eldest of five girls. She and her sisters all went to a one room country school. As there were no school buses, she learned to drive at age 14 and drove her sisters to school. She graduated from Almont High School in 1940, attended Port Huron Business College and then worked as a secretary for Vickers, Inc. in Detroit.

She met her husband, John A. Rowling, on a blind date - and the rest is history. They were married on November 12, 1944 at St. John the Evangelist in Allenton, Michigan and celebrated 62 years together before John A. passed to eternal life on February 20, 2007. She was a member of St. Denis Parish of Lexington since 1946 and was active in all parish organizations, serving as lector and Eucharistic minister for many years as well as on the parish council and finance committees and the St. Denis Rosary Altar Society. Closest to her heart was St. Theresa Circle which Anne organized on April 1, 1958 and in which she remained active for its entire 55-year existence.

Anne was also an 8-year member of the Croswell Lexington Board of Education, the first Cros-Lex Band Booster president, past president of the Lexington Lioness Club, a member of the Knights of Columbus Ladies of the Third Degree and L.O.T.A. (Ladies of the Assembly) Fourth Degree, serving in the roles of president and vice president for the latter. In addition to her community involvement she shared her cooking and baking talents for church and community affairs and especially loved doing her prime rib dinners for dinner dances and other special events. She also did many fashion shows, golf outings and fancy teas. She would often do elaborate dessert tables for family parties, graduations and weddings for her children, grandchildren and friends. Her raspberry tarts have gained worldwide fame!

In addition to her community involvement, her most memorable event was attending President John F. Kennedy's Inauguration and the Inaugural Ball on January 20, 1961 where John and Anne were seated with the members of the PT-109 torpedo boat crew. She considered her husband John and her dear family as her greatest gifts from God. She

was a loving, caring and supportive matriarch of her family and left a legacy of strong family values. John A. and Anne valued education and were fortunate to be able to send all seven children to college where they all received their degrees.

She is survived by her seven children, Judy (John) Picot of Temple, TX, Robert (Sarajane) Rowling of Fort Gratiot, MI, Charles (Dawn) Rowling of Clyde, MI, Edward (Kathleen) Rowling of Stuart, FL, William (Sheryl) Rowling of San Diego, CA, John II (Monica) Rowling of Fort Gratiot, MI and James (Jean) Rowling of Calgary, Alberta, Canada; grandchildren, John Picot, William Picot, Robert (Lauren) Rowling, Kristina (John) Spegele, Keith Rowling, Jennifer Rowling, Joseph Rowling, Jeff (Maritza) Rowling, Mark Rowling and John A. Rowling III; great grandchildren, Samantha and John Picot III, Allyson and Jack Rowling, MaryGrace Picot, Charlotte Anne Rowling and John Robert Spegele and her sisters, Eva Bassier, Barbara Korth, Mary (James) Farley and Kathleen Vanlerberghe and many special nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, John A., sister-in-law Audrey Fraser, brothers-in-law, Jack Fraser, Willard Korth, Fred Bassier and Don Vanlerberghe.

Funeral Services will be held 11 AM Saturday, July 28 at St. Denis Catholic Church, Lexington. Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock will officiate. Burial will be in the Lexington Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-8 PM Friday at the Pomeroy Funeral Home, Lexington and from 10-11 AM Saturday at the Church. A Rosary will be held 7:30 PM Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to: The American Cancer Society, The American Heart Association, Moore Public Library in Lexington, MI for large print books or Blue Water Hospice House in Marysville, MI (the latter having provided tremendous care to her and her family).

The family would like to thank Dr. Anil Patel for outstanding and compassionate lifetime care of our mother. In addition, the family would like to thank Dr. James Fraser, her nephew, for providing gratuitous lifetime dental care for her beautiful smile.

Cemetery

Lexington Cemetery

Dennison St.

Lexington, MI, 48450

Events

JUL **Visitation** 02:00PM - 08:00PM

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Pomeroy Funeral Home - Lexington

5635 Main St., Lexington, MI, US, 48450

JUL **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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St. Denis Catholic Church

5366 Main St., Lexington, MI, US, 48450

JUL **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Hi I'm ally and my great grandma was the most kind person ever one day she sold her house to people and the water was a little confusing but she could not work it so the lady drove over there and screamed at her but being calm she said come in she gave the kids a bath and ice cream and for the mom a coffee to conclude she was the most loving kind amazing beautiful funny person that ever left my great grandma was a hero



ally - July 13, 2019 at 07:13 PM



“ To all my Rowling First Cousins:

The passing of the esteemed Matriarch of the extended "Avender Clan" has saddened all of us who knew her as Aunt Anne. You know of the richness and warmth of the memories we cousins made and still share from our times at the Rowling household. Aunt Anne was the heart of home - and, such a great heart she was! "We had joy; we had fun; we had seasons in the sun." I know she was a lioness-mother to all her children. I also know she made room to embrace all her nieces and nephews, but I always felt the welcome and the hugs she gave to me were the most special. (I suspect many of my siblings feel the same!) She has been in my daily prayers for years - mostly just a prayer of thanksgiving for having had her in my early life. She has left a strong and lasting legacy. Well done to both Aunt Anne and Uncle Jack!

Tom Bassier

Tom Bassier - July 30, 2018 at 06:18 PM



“ Dawn and Chuck, Larry and I were saddened to hear of your mom's passing...she was a wonderful person and a great lector at St Denis Parish. Our deepest condolences to your entire family

Larry and Lynn Galbraith - July 28, 2018 at 06:35 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Anne (still want to call her Mrs. Rowling!) was a wonderful woman. She put up with all us neighborhood kids running around. So many fun memories. Wish I could have made her service to give you my condolences in person. My thoughts and prayers are with all the family as you celebrate her long life. Sending hugs, Laurie Parker Waldie

Laurie Waldie - July 28, 2018 at 07:25 AM



“ Sweet peace Mrs. Rowling. Always a pleasure to see you at Mass, or at the card group.

Mary Freeborough Black - July 28, 2018 at 01:16 AM



“ The US Tax Partners of KPMG in Canada purchased the With Distinction for the family of Anne M. Rowling.



The US Tax Partners of KPMG in Canada - July 27, 2018 at 12:24 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Anne M. Rowling.



July 27, 2018 at 11:02 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Anne M. Rowling.



July 27, 2018 at 10:55 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Anne M. Rowling.



July 27, 2018 at 10:41 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anne M. Rowling.



July 26, 2018 at 08:04 PM



“ Ann made the Best chocolate chip cookies ever.... I will be out of town so I won't be able to give my condolences. God bless all. Keith Parker

Keith Parker - July 26, 2018 at 05:02 PM



“ Ann made the best chocolate chip cookies ever. Sorry I will be out of town to give my condolences. God bless all Keith Parker

Keith Parker - July 26, 2018 at 04:11 PM



“ My sympathy and prayers to the Rowling Family in the loss of their loved one, Anne Rowling. I pray and say as we have been doing now for centuries: "Eternal rest give to her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on her. May she rest in peace! May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace"

Sincerely,

Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock, RC-Priest & Sacramental Priest of Ave Maria/St. Denis Parish

Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock - July 25, 2018 at 09:56 PM



“ Our thoughts and love are with the entire Rowling family—Phil & Irma Ames

irma ames - July 25, 2018 at 09:25 PM



“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Anne M. Rowling.



July 25, 2018 at 06:08 PM



“ Al and Elaine Dobos purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Anne M. Rowling.



Al and Elaine Dobos - July 25, 2018 at 05:42 PM



“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anne M. Rowling.



July 25, 2018 at 02:17 PM



“ So many fine memories of this classy lady! Helping/hosting my wedding showers, baby showers, surprise parties, allowing us to invade her home along with Jimmy's other 15 friends to swim and play, Fourth of July parades, cook outs, taking a few extra pieces of Dad's fish fry (ha ha), and most recently silly phone conversations and an unfulfilled promise of a Rhubarb Pie!! I know she will have that waiting for me in due time! My sincere condolences to the amazing Rowling family members left by this beautiful soul. I look forward to the many many stories!



Tracey Boruta - July 25, 2018 at 01:29 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Anne M. Rowling.



July 25, 2018 at 01:26 PM