



## Eileen Mary Ruane

September 1, 1935 - November 22, 2023

Eileen Mary Ruane, age 88, of Lexington, Michigan and Sebring, Florida passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 22, 2023 surrounded by her loving family. Known her whole life by friends and family as Mary, she was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, sister-in-law, and friends. Mary's passing leaves a large void in the hearts of all who knew her. Mary was born in Detroit, Michigan on September 1, 1935, the second child of John and Mary O'Keefe, both immigrants from Ireland. Mary graduated from St. Agnes School in Detroit, where she made life-long friends. She married Michael Ruane, Jr. on June 18, 1960. They were married for over 63 wonderful, love-filled years.

Mary and Mike settled in Redford, MI where they raised their five children and were active members of the St. Hilary Parish. They made many good friends in the St. Hilary Parish community. Mary was an active volunteer for the parish and school.

After raising her family, Mary went to work at a secretarial service. After working there for 5 years, Mary bought the business and renamed it 9 to 5 Secretarial Service. She grew her company to over 75 customers and held the company for 10 years until her retirement. She became an indispensable part of her clients' businesses and made many good friends in the process.

Mary's parents built a cottage in Lexington Heights in 1935, where she spent her summers throughout her youth. Mike and Mary built their own cottage in Lexington Heights in 1968 and retired there in 1995. In 2002, Mary and Mike

bought a house in Tanglewood, Sebring, Florida and spent six months of the year in Tanglewood over the past 20 years. Mary was an active member of the community and made many good friends there as well.

Mary is survived by her husband Mike and her five children: John (Angela) Ruane, Marie (Bob) Strum, Karen (Bob) Perl, Kevin Ruane, and Bill Ruane as well as her seven grandchildren Ryan, Kari, Billy, Danny, Nina, Trevor, and Jessie Lee as well as many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her dear sister-in-law Babs (Jim) Rockel and brother-in-law John Ruane. She was preceded in death by her sister Patricia Young.

Mary's life was full of fun, laughter, and many good friends and neighbors. She will be remembered fondly by all who knew her for her generosity and selflessness.

Memorial Services will be held 11 AM Tuesday, November 28 at St. Denis Catholic Church, Lexington. Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock will officiate.

Visitation will be 2-6 PM Monday at the Pomeroy Funeral Home, Lexington, and 10-11 AM Tuesday at the church

Memorials may be made to Fr. Solanus Casey Capuchin Soup Kitchen. <http://www.cskdetroit.org/more-than-about-food/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 27. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Pomeroy Funeral Home - Lexington  
5635 Main St.  
Lexington, MI 48450  
(810) 359-7700  
pomeroyfuneralhomes@gmail.com  
<https://pomeroyfuneralhomes.com/>

## Visitation

NOV 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Denis Catholic Church  
5366 Main St.  
Lexington, MI 48450  
(810) 359-5400  
<http://www.avemariaparishmi.com>

## Service

NOV 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Denis Catholic Church  
5366 Main St.  
Lexington, MI 48450  
(810) 359-5400  
<http://www.avemariaparishmi.com>

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ I remember meeting Mary at Maloney's after I interviewed for a job. She was so easy to talk to and we had a lovely conversation. I was so touched later when I found out she had gone to bat for me telling Marie they should absolutely hire me! I had made a loyal new friend!

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**Joanne Gray** - December 05, 2023 at 09:56 AM

JL

“ John L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eileen Mary Ruane.

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**John L.** - December 04, 2023 at 02:56 PM

BC

“ On behalf of the Capuchin brothers I offer my deepest sympathies on the passing of Eileen. It is truly humbling to receive memorial donations in honor of her life. Please be assured of the brother's prayers for the entire Ruane family during this great time of grief. May perpetual light shine upon Eileen.

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**Br Nick Blattner OFM Capuchin** - November 29, 2023 at 02:45 PM

CO

“ Condolences to the Ruane family. I remember Eileen as a warm and friendly person at the former home of Bill and Lee. Eternal rest grant unto her, o Lord.  
Chris Ohlrich

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**Chris Ohlrich** - November 27, 2023 at 07:50 PM

TW

“ So sorry to hear about the loss of your mom/grandmother - know that we are thinking of you all.



the Woolley's - November 27, 2023 at 02:16 PM

CP

“ Saying Prayers for Mary and the Family. May God comfort all.

Chris Phillips - November 27, 2023 at 08:08 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eileen Mary Ruane.



November 26, 2023 at 06:55 PM

DF

“ Dan, Natasha and the Sinagoga Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eileen Mary Ruane.

Dan, Natasha and the Sinagoga Family - November 26, 2023 at 06:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eileen Mary Ruane.*



November 26, 2023 at 03:35 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Eileen Mary Ruane.*



November 26, 2023 at 02:49 PM



“ *Charles, Andrea, Cameron and Sarah purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eileen Mary Ruane.*



**Charles, Andrea, Cameron and Sarah** - November 26, 2023 at 01:40 PM



“ *Charles, Andrea, Cameron and Sarah planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eileen Mary Ruane.*

**Charles, Andrea, Cameron and Sarah** - November 26, 2023 at 01:40 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eileen Mary Ruane.*



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November 25, 2023 at 06:04 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Eileen Mary Ruane.*



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November 25, 2023 at 04:33 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Eileen Mary Ruane.*



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November 24, 2023 at 04:40 PM



“ *Paul sent a virtual gift in memory of Eileen Mary Ruane*



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**Paul** - November 24, 2023 at 03:17 PM

PJ

“ We are SO blessed to have had "our" BELOVED Mary touch our lives. Always with a smile & kind word! We will miss you dearly. Memories will last forever.

*Condolences to the family.*

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**Paul & Jon** - November 24, 2023 at 03:15 PM

MA

*Paul and Jon, thank you so much for your kind words. My Mom absolutely loved you both! Marie*

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**Marie** - November 24, 2023 at 05:13 PM

PH

“ 1 file added to the album Mary



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**Paul Henk** - November 24, 2023 at 03:11 PM