



Mary Louise Iris Bedard

March 1, 1931 - March 9, 2022

PORT SANILAC- Mary Louise Iris Bedard passed away peacefully on March 9, 2022, in Port Sanilac, Michigan. She lived for decades in the Detroit area and Port Sanilac, Michigan. She was born March 1, 1931, at Detroit's East Side General Hospital and graduated from Dominican High School.

Mary Louise had attended Marygrove College for just one day when her father died, setting her on a life dedicated to six generations of her family. She always had a soft spot for children and dogs.

With college no longer possible, Mary Lou began doing general office work for the East Side Shopper, for Sanders and a loan company on Mack Avenue.

With the death of her brother, a former paratrooper, Mary Lou looked after her mother.

Mary Lou met Robert J. Bedard, a former Marine and an Arthur Murray dance instructor at a Catholic singles club. They married June 20, 1953, at St. Martin's Church in Detroit. A daughter, Debra Ann, arrived in 1954, and a son, Michael Robert, came in 1961. Mary Lou's mother, Eleanor Fournier, remained with their family for 37 years.

As her husband pursued fundraising for the University of Detroit, Loyola University's medical center and Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital, their calendar filled with benefits and galas. While he was at the center of crowds making connections, she would find people who seemed to be on the outskirts,

engaging them in conversation.

The family moved from St. Mary's of Redford parish in Detroit to Beverly Hills, and then to the Chicago area for two years, and back to Bloomfield Township.

Free weekends, especially in summer, were spent building a family compound on a piece of land her grandfather had bought just north of Port Sanilac.

In the early 1970s, with their children becoming independent, a friend's plea to fill an emergency job called Mary Lou back into the paid workforce. Although she had just one day of college for herself, she spent the next 25 years helping students navigate student health services at Oakland Community College's Royal Oak campus.

Upon retirement, Mary Lou and Bob moved to Post Sanilac full time, surrounding themselves with children, grandchildren, their great-grandson and the "puppy dogs."

Mary Lou is survived by her husband, Robert, their daughter Debra and her husband, Joe Grimm; their son Mike and his wife, Susan Bevis; three grandchildren: Daniel Grimm and his wife, Michele Lee and their son, James Robert; Steven Grimm and his wife, Madeleine King, and Kelly Bedard.

Visitation will be March 18 at St. Mary Catholic Church, 7066 Main St., Port Sanilac, Michigan, at 10 A.M. with an 11 A.M. Funeral Mass. Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock will officiate.

Interment will be in the All Saints Catholic Cemetery in Waterford.

Memorials in memory of Mary may be made to Shades of Pink or Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Marys Catholic Church
7066 Main St.
Port Sanilac, MI 48469

Church Service

MAR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Iris Bedard.*



March 17, 2022 at 11:34 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Iris Bedard.*



March 17, 2022 at 08:03 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Iris Bedard.*



March 16, 2022 at 06:55 PM



“ *Always remember the great support Mary Lou gave to students and staff at OCC.*
Joseph D Macri-(former Dean at OCC)

Dr Joseph D Macri - March 16, 2022 at 08:53 AM

DJ

“ Dan, Michele and James purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Louise Iris Bedard.



Dan, Michele and James - March 15, 2022 at 10:55 PM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Iris Bedard.



March 15, 2022 at 10:26 AM

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“ Anna and Kyung Lee purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mary Louise Iris Bedard.



Anna and Kyung Lee - March 14, 2022 at 08:38 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Iris Bedard.



March 14, 2022 at 06:39 PM

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“ Remembering the gatherings at the cottage each yr with the families. Always laughter with lots of water fun & great food shared by all attending. 🍀🙏😊

Fran Gillich - March 14, 2022 at 02:48 PM



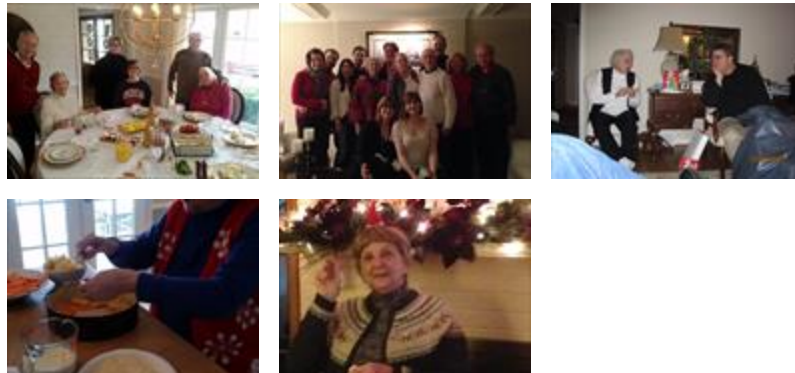
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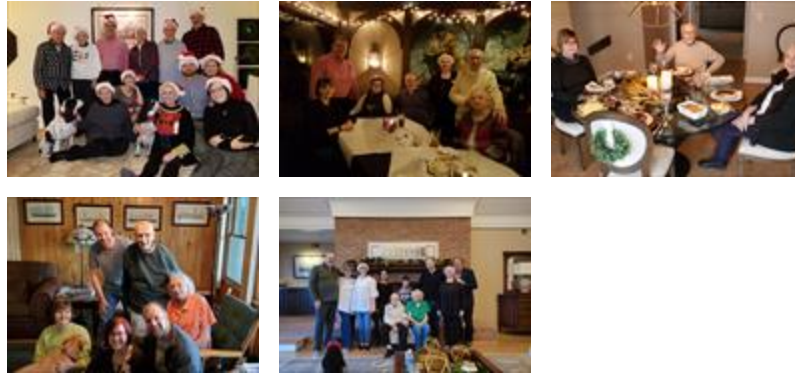
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Kelly Bedard - March 14, 2022 at 01:30 PM

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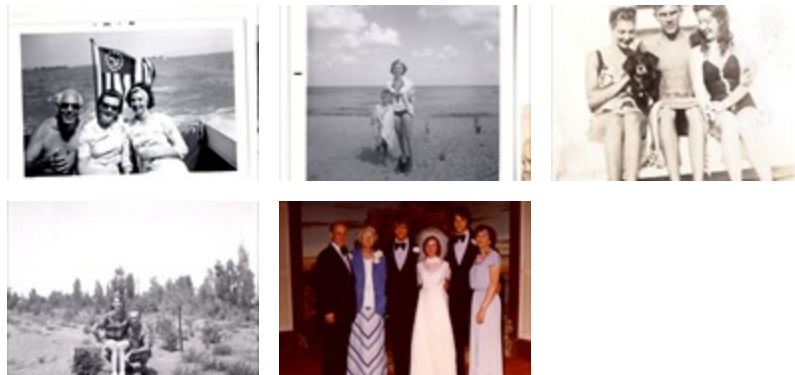
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Mike Bedard - March 14, 2022 at 12:19 PM

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Mike Bedard - March 14, 2022 at 12:02 PM



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March 12, 2022 at 05:20 PM

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Pomeroy Funeral Home - March 12, 2022 at 12:21 PM

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Pomeroy Funeral Home - March 12, 2022 at 12:14 PM

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A beautiful couple. Thanks for posting a number of family pictures Mike. Prayers & Sympathy to all the family. Love Jack & Fran

Fran Gillich - March 14, 2022 at 07:46 PM