



## Mary Catherine Kroodsma

December 6, 1925 - March 24, 2014

Mary Catherine Kroodsma, 88, of Milan, MI, formerly of Charlotte, MI, died peacefully on Monday, March 24, 2014 in Ann Arbor, MI. Mary was born December 6, 1925 in LaSalle, IL, the daughter of Lawrence Carl and Susan Catherine (Wagner) Zwick. After graduating from St. Xavier Academy in Ottawa, IL, she earned her Bachelor's degree from Marycrest College in Davenport, IA and her Master's degree from St. Louis University in St. Louis, MO. During her career, Mary worked as a hospital dietitian, home economist, and university nutrition instructor. While living in Michigan, she met her husband, Raymond Kroodsma. During their 55 year marriage, she devoted her life to raising their four children. Mary was very active in her community as a member of the Women's Club and her Church. Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond, her brother, James, and her sister, Betty. Mary is survived by her daughters, Mary Sue (Robert) Wiesemann of Lorton, VA and Martha Kroodsma of Cleveland, OH; sons, Greg (Cindy) Kroodsma of Saline, MI and Lawrence (Jean) Kroodsma of Grand Haven, MI; 14 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be at 1:30 PM on Thursday, March 27, 2014 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Milan, MI with Rev. Fr. Vincent Van Doan officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the Church. Interment will be in Maple Hill Cemetery in Charlotte, MI. Memorial donations may be made to The Right to Life of Michigan, Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter or the American Cancer Society. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences

may be sent to the family at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com)  
<http://www.prayfuneral.com>.

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ *Memories of raising our families on Thomas L Parkway and the many times I admired Mary and her housekeeping and parenting skills. Prayers and condolences to the family. Jeannie and we think of your family often.*

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**Jim and Myrna Miller** - March 27, 2014 at 09:51 PM

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“ *Martha and family, Your Mother was a beautiful example of grace, dedication and love ~ and I know she was very proud to call all of you hers. She's finally 'home' where she will always shine, smile and continue to shower you with her love. May God provide and bless each of you with limitless comfort and peace in knowing that she's in His tender care. With our sincere sympathy, Susan, Fendall and family*

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**Susan Tansey and Family** - March 26, 2014 at 05:51 PM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary and her family. Mary was such a sweet gentle lady and our family will miss her. None of us ever heard a harsh word from her.*

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**The Cook family** - March 26, 2014 at 10:22 AM

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“ David and I send our love and prayers to Mary's family. She was a wonderful friend, neighbor, encourager, and listener. She was generous, compassionate, and always a lady. Mary was a skilled baker and it was our delight to be on the receiving end of her oven gifts. We shared many a conversation over a cup of tea and we valued her perspective on life and family. We learned from watching her love and care for Ray how to honor those we love. We will never forget Mary, nor the impact she had on our lives. We miss her dearly. Thank you for sharing her with us.

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**Brynda and David Filkins** - March 25, 2014 at 10:01 PM