



Maryellen Dudley

March 25, 1929 - September 12, 2025

1929 brought Maryellen (Koch) Dudley into the world in Bellevue, Ohio, the only child of Virgie Mae (Nicely) and Merlin Koch. As a child, she was a student of song and dance and performed around the community. Her father died when she was twelve. She then lived on her grandmother's farm with her mother.

As a cheerleader she met her future husband, Gene-the jock. Maryellen attended Michigan State University where she joined the Alpha Phi sorority, studied languages, and was a radio host.

Maryellen and Gene married in 1949, and lived in Dayton, Ohio. In 1957, they moved their family to Charlotte, Michigan. While she lovingly devoted her life to her children and grandchildren, Maryellen also enjoyed many activities and hobbies; knitting, sewing, playing bridge, golfing, dancing, and singing. She served as president of the Altar Society at St. Mary Church. She and Laurel Pray fundraised door-to-door to get St. Mary School built. Women's Club activities included Senior Tea's, Choir, and Mobile Meals.

After retirement, Maryellen and Gene moved to Coldwater Lake, later moving to Sarasota, Florida, then Maryellen moved to Cumming, Georgia, where her death occurred at the Villas of Canterfield.

Maryellen is survived by her children, Thais Dudley (Dennis) Mishler, Doug (Mary) Dudley, Laurie Dudley, Julie Dudley (Denny) Wilson; 8 grandchildren, Joel (Judy) Mishler, Mara (Jason) Braegelmann, Michael Mishler, Kaitlyn (Tommy) Curtin, Sean (Margaret) Dudley, Brendan Dudley, Jake (Kaitlyn) Wilson, Jenna Wilson; and 18 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents; step-father, Paul Roberts; and her husband, Eugene.

Friends are encouraged to support Maryellen's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation will be held Monday, October 6, 2025 from 7 PM to 9 PM at the Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte, MI. Visitation will conclude with guests joining in a Divine Mercy Chaplet at 8:45 PM. A funeral mass will be celebrated Tuesday, October 7 at 11:00 AM at St Mary Catholic Church in Charlotte, MI with Rev. Father Dwight Ezop celebrating. Visitation will also be held at the church just prior to the mass from 10-11:00 AM. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Maryellen's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Maple Hill Cemetery, 801 Tully Brown Drive in Charlotte, MI 48813. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 6. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral Mass

OCT 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church
807 St. Mary Boulevard
Charlotte, MI 48813

Graveside

OCT 7. 12:30 PM (ET)

Maple Hill Cemetery
801 Tully Brown Rd.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Maryellen Dudley*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 07, 2025 at 08:54 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Maryellen Dudley*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 04, 2025 at 10:29 AM



“ 39 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 04, 2025 at 10:26 AM



“ The Beck Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Maryellen Dudley.



The Beck Family - October 04, 2025 at 09:56 AM



“ The Kleis Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maryellen Dudley.

The Kleis Family - October 04, 2025 at 08:24 AM



“ The Kleis Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Maryellen Dudley.



The Kleis Family - October 04, 2025 at 08:24 AM

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“ *Scott, Liz, Ryan and Colin Smith purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Maryellen Dudley.*



Scott, Liz, Ryan and Colin Smith - October 04, 2025 at 12:37 AM

VH

“ *Dear Julie and Family,*

We are so very sorry about the loss of your precious mother. Please know we will pray for the repose of her dear soul and for all of you during this time of sadness and loss.

God bless you all,

*The Heard Family
Chris, Vivian, Ansley (and Santi) and Mitchell*

Vivian Heard - October 01, 2025 at 01:44 PM

MF

“ *Doug, so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. My prayers are with you and your family.*

Michael Fuller - September 20, 2025 at 10:02 AM

TD

“ *I have so many fond memories of Maryellen and my Mother Laurel. They were great friends. We would go shopping in Lansing together at Knapps and Maurice's, often pulling the same dress or outfit from different racks. They would play golf and bridge together and just enjoyed each other's company. Those were great days.*

Teresa (Terry) Dougherty - September 19, 2025 at 04:20 PM

JN

“ *So sorry for your loss*

Jana Nicol - September 19, 2025 at 03:06 PM