



Mary Elizabeth Ploughman

August 11, 1931 - April 22, 2024

Mary Elizabeth (Leydon) Ploughman, a woman of unwavering spirit and boundless curiosity, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 22, 2024 at the age of 92, surrounded by her loving children. Born on August 11, 1931, in Medford, Massachusetts, to John P. Leydon and Rose B. Leydon, Mary's journey was one of adventure, love, and lifelong learning.

Growing up in Somerville, Massachusetts, as the eldest of seven siblings, Mary embraced her role with grace and love. On August 9, 1955, Mary embarked on a beautiful journey with her late husband, Chuck, leaving her home in Boston to start a new chapter in Plymouth, Michigan. Together there they built a life filled with love, laughter, and lasting friendships.

Her adventurous spirit led her to embrace new experiences, including years spent with her family in Germany, where she eagerly immersed herself in the language and culture.

Mary was a lifelong learner with a passion for reading who stayed engaged with politics, literature, and society her entire life. In all the parishes she belonged to she was an active volunteer and teacher. Her Roman Catholic faith gave her strength throughout her life. She was a brilliant storyteller, with a gift for accents and a wry sense of humor. She left a lasting impression on those she met.

Mary leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and kindness that will continue to inspire all who knew her.

Mary is survived by her three children, Mary A (Peter) Bowe, Jane E Ploughman (John Vincent), and Charles D Ploughman and her granddaughters Alice Bowe (Kaitlyn Johnson) and Grace Bowe. She is also survived by siblings John Leydon, Robert (Carol) Leydon, Therese Campbell, Francis Leydon, William (Maureen) Leydon and loving nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her beloved husband Charles Anthony Ploughman and brother Edward Leydon.

May she rest in eternal peace, surrounded by the love of those who went before her, and may her memory be a blessing to us all.

Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Thursday, April 25, from 12:00 P.M. until 3:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline. Funeral Services will be held at 3:00 P.M. Deacon Doug Cummings will officiate the service. Burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth, MI on Friday, April 26, at 1:00 P.M. Memorial contributions in Mary's name may be made to Food Gatherers or to Doctors Without Borders. To leave a memory you have of Mary, to sign her guestbook or for directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

The service will be live streamed and can be viewed by visiting <https://www.youtube.com/@rbfhsaline>

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery - Plymouth

680 Plymouth Road
Plymouth, MI 48170
https://www.plymouthmi.gov/government/departments/municipal_services/riverside_cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **25**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 E Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176
(734) 429-9760
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

Funeral Service

APR **25**. 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

APR 26. 1:00 PM (ET)

Riverside Cemetery - Plymouth

680 Plymouth Road

Plymouth, MI 48170

https://www.plymouthmi.gov/government/departments/municipal_services/riverside_cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Livestream will start at approximately 2:50 P.M. in memory of Mary Elizabeth Ploughman



Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services - April 24, 2024 at 12:33 PM

PH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mary was my bridge partner and a friend. A very special person. I just wrote a letter to her which was way overdue.

Phyllis Hess - April 25, 2024 at 05:35 PM

LJ

“ Love, Lynn, John & Jim purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Mary Elizabeth Ploughman.



Love, Lynn, John & Jim - April 25, 2024 at 09:29 AM

AC

“ Adrian C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Elizabeth Ploughman.

Adrian C. - April 24, 2024 at 03:58 PM

TS

“ *The Sigworths purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Mary Elizabeth
Ploughman.*



The Sigworths - April 23, 2024 at 03:21 PM

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The Sigworths - April 23, 2024 at 03:21 PM

CP

“ *"My day in the hills has come to an end I know A Star has come out
to tell me its time to go But deep in the dark green shadows are
voices that urge me to stay So I pause and I wait and I Listen for
One more Sound For one more lovely word that the Hills might say"*
-The Sound of Music

Charles David Ploughman - April 23, 2024 at 02:40 PM

CD

*And one more smile from that loving face, I will hold deep in my heart.
Cora Davies*

Cora L. Davies - April 23, 2024 at 03:09 PM

JW

*A very special friend, whose intelligence, humor, passion for life and
love of family were always on display. She will be missed greatly but
always will be in our hearts and minds. So blessed that our lives
intersected.*

Julie Willoughby - April 24, 2024 at 09:47 AM

VH

I dearly loved Mary. We worked together, walked together and shared a birthday (often with a free cake at Bill Knapps) She was a great lady and a wonderful friend.

Valerie C Henigan - April 24, 2024 at 08:51 PM

DR

Mary was a bright and lively lady and one whom I enjoyed working with, a wonderful client.

David E Rhoads - April 24, 2024 at 10:41 PM

RP

*Dear Family,
Mary was always delightful at Sunday Mass, Sparkling eyes and enchanting smile.
Most of all, it is still the Easter Season!
Mary Elizabeth has gone Home to her Creator in Heaven.
God Bless her and you.
Fr. Mike Petroski
Saline*

Rev. Mike Petroski - April 25, 2024 at 12:29 PM

AB

*Growing up as a neighbor boy down the street I will always remember Mary as the sweet lady down the street. She was able to be so kind in her sharing or correction; a quality so few have possessed.
Prayers for the family.*

Andrew Brandt - April 25, 2024 at 12:51 PM

CL

Aunt Mary. You will be missed by this Leydon Family. You were the oldest and the leader of the family. You will also be missed for all the little things you did. I won't get anymore birthday cards on my birthday seems like a silly thing to miss. I know you have gone to a better place with uncle Chuck and my Dad. Farewell Charlene.

Charlene Leydon - April 25, 2024 at 12:57 PM