



Mary Camilla Pfeffer

October 11, 1931 - February 18, 2019

Mary Camilla MacDonell Pfeffer passed away peacefully Monday evening February 18, 2019 surrounded by her loving family. She was born October 11, 1931 in Detroit, Michigan, the fourth of five children to Alexander Camillus and Margaret Eloise (Armstrong) MacDonell. Mary Camilla graduated from St. Mary's Academy in Windsor, Ontario where she and her sisters were student boarders. As an assistant to two doctors, she worked in the Fisher Building in Detroit while she was dating the love of her life, Dean Pfeffer. They married in May of 1951 and soon after began their family. Together they raised their six children: Suzanne (Thomas) Goldsmith, Katherine (Jack) Pross, Robert (Wendy) Pfeffer, Daniel (Michele) Pfeffer, Doni (Kris) Houghtaling and Jacqueline (Craig) Hyde.

Dean and Camilla began their life together in a small apartment on "11 West Margaret" until they bought their first home on Heyden Street in Detroit. After 17 years, they moved to New Hudson to a home they built on their "farm." They also enjoyed many trips to Traverse City, which they considered their favorite place in the world. Camilla was Dean's "best friend" and soulmate. She was shy, sweet, and beautiful with her long brown ponytail. She worked tirelessly beside Dean "keeping the books" for Dean's Twin Pines milk route business and later, behind the scenes, ran their picture framing business, Meadowbrook Art Center. Camilla found great joy in her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and was always considered the family's "commander-in-chief." For many years, her hobby was building dollhouses where her artistic talent shined. Having survived many health scares, her love and devotion to her family always kept her strong for her husband and children.

In addition to her loving husband of 67½ years and her children, she is survived by 17 grandchildren: Sean, Colin, Meghan, Rick, Katie, Tim, Mary, Scott, Karly, Alanna, Peter, Adrianna, Kristin, Mitchell, Eric, Kevin, Aidan and six great grandchildren: Hunter, Connor, Lucy, Claire, Vincent and Antonia. She is also survived by her brother Kevin MacDonell, her sister Margaret Lisuzzo, her brother-in-law Gary (Patricia) Pfeffer, her sister-in-law Gail Delp, and 22 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brother and sister-in-law Donald and Theresa MacDonell, her sister and brother-in-law Ann and Jim Lisuzzo, a sister-in-law, Wanda MacDonell, a brother-in-law, William Lisuzzo and her granddaughter Katie Chouinard.

Visitation will be held at O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River Ave., Novi, MI on Sunday, February 24, 2019 from 2:00pm to 7:00pm. where a scripture vigil will be held at 6:00pm. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette St., South Lyon, MI on Monday, February 25 at 11:00am with Fr. Stan Tokarski as celebrant. She will lie in state at the church from 10:30am until the time of service. Burial will follow at 2:30pm in Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery, 25800 W. 10 Mile Rd., Southfield, MI. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels Livingston and Oakland County, MI 9525 E. Highland Rd., Howell, MI 48843 or the National Shrine of St. Jude Claretian Missionaries 3200 E. 91st. Street, Chicago, Illinois 60617.

Cemetery

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W 10 Mile Rd
Southfield, MI,

Events

FEB **In State** 02:00PM - 07:00PM

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O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home

41555 Grand River Avenue, Novi, MI, US, 48375

FEB **In State** 10:30AM

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St Joseph Catholic Church

830 S. Lafayette,, South Lyon, MI, US, 48178

FEB **Liturgy** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Dear Bob & Family,

My thoughts and prayers for you and family. I can remember when you Dad delivered Twin Pines to my grandparents home in Highland Park...a kind and caring man, he was so helpful when i was doing a collage of the Ford Family at Meadwobrook. He remembered my family on Church Street!

God Bless You All,
Kathy McGuffin

Kathy McGuffin - February 24, 2019 at 03:35 PM



“ From all of the Pybus family, we would like to extend our sincere sympathy for the loss of your loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and great grandmother. Please know we are thinking of you as you go through this difficult time. Sincerely, Carolyn Pybus

Carolyn Pybus - February 23, 2019 at 10:27 AM



“ To my kind, loving beautiful family:
My thoughts and prayers are with you all. So blessed to have so many wonderful memories of Aunt Camilla and all the fun family times we had growing up... I miss those days, but will always cherish those memories. I feel so blessed to be part of such a loving family! Uncle Dean, it is so comforting to know that you have your Faith and all your family close by for support and strength. I Love you so much!... My love thoughts and prayers for all of you.
Love, Terri

Terri-Dave Johnson - February 23, 2019 at 08:24 AM



“ Dean: I did not know Camilla well but that she was your life time best friend, and I remember you as a heart warming person, speaks volumes for her. And I particularly want to thank you for the help you were to my parents in South Lyon. Cousin Ron.

Ron Pfeffer - February 22, 2019 at 11:51 AM



“ Aunt Camilla was such a beautiful person. She loved everyone unconditionally. It warmed my heart to see her smile. She will be missed, but she will live on through those she loved and those who loved her.

Colleen MacDonell - February 21, 2019 at 07:34 PM



“ Dearest Sue:
I am so sorry for your loss and wish you and your family comfort in your loss
Pat Hanafee

Patrick Hanafee - February 21, 2019 at 06:39 PM



“ Doni, Kris, Kristin, Mitchell, Kathy and Rick,
You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I know Mary was wonderful to have raised such a wonderful family. I enjoy all of you every day I work. Hold on to all the wonderful memories of her in your heart. Celebrate her wonderful life and all she gave you.
Nanette Weaver

Nanette Weaver - February 21, 2019 at 06:36 PM



“ Doni, Kris and family,
My condolences on the loss of your beautiful mom and grandma. I know how important she was to you, and how much she will be missed.
Crystal Smythe

Crystal Smythe - February 21, 2019 at 04:38 PM



“ Dean and family,

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I am one of Jim and Lill's daughters and have been living in WV for nearly 40 years with my husband, Larry, and son Matt.

I remember Dean and Camilla's kindness to me during the early 70's when I lived in the apartments on 11 Mile Rd. I visited your home once and almost wiped our on a snow mobile much more robust than the one I had driven before! I had a picture framed at the framing shop during that time as well. I remember Camilla as a welcoming gentle woman.

My favorite heartfelt message for these moments is "We do not grieve without first loving. We do not love without gaining more than we could ever lose." That is our family! Aren't we fortunate to share that special Pfeffer gene that encircles us and our spouses and passes along to all the generations! I still miss my mom and dad, Jim and Lill, and my brother Jim so much, but most of all cherish them as still with me every day in helping me become who I am.

Love to all of you. Denise (Pfeffer) Stinn

Denise (Pfeffer) Stinn - February 21, 2019 at 04:01 PM



“ Uncle Dean & Family,

May you be comforted by the love you shared and your wonderful memories of "Auntie Como". Heaven has another angel!

Our love, prayers & deepest sympathies,
"Kimmie" & Bob Jamrog

Kim Jamrog - February 21, 2019 at 02:41 PM