



Lucy Anne Portelli

July 25, 1936 - September 30, 2025

Lucy Anne Portelli, age 89, of Plymouth, Michigan, returned to the Lord on September 30, 2025.

She was born on July 25, 1936, in Nadur, Gozo, Malta, to the late Carmel and Concetta Galea. After the early deaths of her sister Anne and her father, Lucy was lovingly raised by her uncles, Rev. Michael and Rev. Marcel Galea, and her aunt Rosa Cauchi at their home on Racecourse Street, Nadur.

While on pilgrimage in Italy, she met and later married Bernard Portelli of Gharb, Gozo. Their marriage would span 62 years. Together they emigrated to Detroit in 1966, where they built their home and family.

Lucy lived her Catholic faith with quiet devotion. She was a woman of prayer, deeply dedicated to her family, and always attentive to the needs of others.

She taught mostly by her lived example. She passed on to her children and grandchildren the best of whatever she had and of herself. She was in many ways like the many humble women in scripture: not weak, but strong in faith, courageous in trust, and exalted by God.

Lucy was preceded in death by her parents and siblings. She is survived by her beloved husband, Bernard Portelli; her two sons: Rev. Fr. J. Marcel Portelli and Frank (Jennifer) Portelli; and four cherished grandchildren: Kathryn, Sarah, Benjamin, and Joseph.

A private family-only Requiem Mass will be offered at St. Augustine Catholic Church, Howell, with interment to follow at St. Augustine Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Augustine Catholic Church, 6481

Faussett Road, Howell, MI 48855. Arrangements are by Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Plymouth.

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Cemetery Details

St. Augustine Catholic Cemetery

6481 Faussett Road
Howell, MI 48855

Tribute Wall

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“*Lucy Anne Portelli, what a beautiful woman. Although we never had the privilege of meeting her in person, we know her son, Marcel. Just that experience has instilled in us reverence for this family. Love this deep is envied by many families. Lucy has earned her heavenly wings and will be missed by all that knew her .
Willie and Sharon DeHate, friends of Rev. Fr. Marcel Portelli*

Mr. William and Mrs. Sharon DeHate - October 13, 2025 at 06:29 AM