



## Mary Jane Nelligan

July 29, 1953 - January 7, 2015

Nelligan, Mary Jane, January 7, 2015, age 61 of Westland. Beloved wife of Donald J. Nelligan Jr.

Loving mother of Jaclyn Rouse, Adriane (Eric) O'Neil, Mitchell A. (Ann) Ellis and Rachel Ellis. Proud grandmother of Nathan, Katherine, Reagan, Bryce, Connor, Ryan, Isabella, Eli and Gwen. Dear sister of Donna (Carl) Winkler.

Mary succumbed to Pancreatic Cancer after a seven month heroic battle.

Gathering Saturday, January 24th 4PM until the 7 PM Memorial Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road & Cherry Hill) Westland. Final resting place Great Lakes National

Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 400 Mack Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201. To share a memory, please use the Share a memory tab on this web page.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

JAN **24**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Jane Nelligan*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Adi lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Nelligan*



**Adi** - January 21, 2015 at 12:48 PM



“ *Pam McCorry lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Nelligan*



**Pam McCorry** - January 19, 2015 at 07:12 AM



“ *What a beautiful lady... full of compassion.... generosity... energy and fire.... I admired her extraordinary way of coping with the ridiculous while remaining positive. She was friendly with a way of making you feel you had known her for years. Mary shared her bee balm and yarrow with us to brighten our yard... we are grateful to have known and loved her.*

**Dawn Brown** - January 13, 2015 at 04:09 PM

ME

“*Mary Jane came into my life when was I just a kid. She had met and married my oldest brother, and when she came to meet us, we were in awe. She was beautiful, smart, and had not only served in the Army, but modeled for the Army's brochures. We also thought the Universe had lined up in the right places because there was me, Mary, and my sister Jane, among our other siblings. To have a sister-in-law named Mary Jane just felt like the Gods had blessed us. My mother loved and admired Mary Jane very much, wanted the best for her. We did not grow up with southern cooking and so it was heaven when Mary Jane made fried chicken, fried okra, corn bread, and so on. We were beyond thrilled when she gave birth to Jackie, Adriane, Rachel and Mitchell because she had made us uncles and aunts - all beautiful children and now adults with their own children. My allegiance and that of my family has always been to Mary Jane and I was thrilled when she found a wonderful husband, Don. My sister Cate who just died last May always thought that Mary Jane had good old Yankee ingenuity and smarts. Although years passed between communication, I never felt distant because Mary Jane has always felt like an older sister - someone I could pick up the phone and just resume a conversation with. I loved her and I grieve the missed opportunities that her grandchildren, kids, and husband will have with her. She died too young. My love and prayers to her husband, her family, and my nieces and nephew.*

*Mary Relindes Ellis*

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**Mary Relindes Ellis** - January 13, 2015 at 09:33 AM

EC

“ *Eva Cummins lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Nelligan*



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**Eva Cummins** - January 12, 2015 at 11:44 AM

KS

“ *Kandy Shackelford lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Nelligan*



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**Kandy Shackelford** - January 09, 2015 at 01:44 PM

SB

“ *Mary was one wonderful woman. She was very thoughtful and caring. I can still hear her laugh at the silly things when we worked together. Our Coney breaks, outside breaks, our Trip to Georgia...and I remember her fantastic summer bbqs. I tried a strawberry pretzel dessert she made for my first time and loved it ever since. She loved talking about her grandchildren/children. She was a proud mom, loving wife, and my heartfelt sympathy goes to the Ellis/Nelligan families.*

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**Shreya Ball** - January 09, 2015 at 12:43 PM

LM

“ *My deepest heartfelt sympathies to your family at such a sad time. You were a wonderful, kind and funny friend taken far too soon. You will be missed by many.*

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**Lori McIntosh** - January 09, 2015 at 12:32 PM

PB

“ *Mary Nelligan: Sweet tempered, funny, caring, and a real down to earth lady. It was a pleasure to know her. She made this world a better place. My sympathies to Don and all of Mary's family.*  
*Paul Brown*

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**Paul Brown** - January 09, 2015 at 11:49 AM

AB

“ *Famous for her cooking and gardening skills, but loved for her kindness, sincerity and that awesome sense of humor. Mary always gave with her whole heart and she was truly one of a kind. I'm going to miss her so much. All of our laughs, her smile, her beautiful face.. will be forever etched in my heart. I was so blessed to have known her and I am comforted knowing her spirit will live on in her children. All my love to the Ellis & Nelligan family.*

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**Amy Bogenschutz** - January 09, 2015 at 11:41 AM

AV

“ *To all Mary Janes beautiful children. Your mother was a treasure and I always loved her. Although circumstances keep us apart I always thought she was a beautiful person with a heart of Gold. You all are in my prayers. When you find yourself missing her and feeling like you have a hole right through the middle of you, Fill it with your treasured memories.*

*Love Aunt Vickie*

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**Aunt Vickie** - January 09, 2015 at 10:03 AM

SM

“ *Worked with her when she lived down here in Alabama had a lot of good times so sorry to hear of this sweet sweet person.*



sheryl mccaig - January 09, 2015 at 07:47 AM

GY

“ *Gloria Yerdon lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Nelligan*



Gloria Yerdon - January 09, 2015 at 07:32 AM

JR

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Jackie Rouse - January 09, 2015 at 07:16 AM

AD

*I'd give anything to be right there again*❤❤❤

adi - January 09, 2015 at 09:04 AM

AD

“ *Adi lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Nelligan*



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**Adi** - January 09, 2015 at 05:52 AM



*My prayers and Blessing are with you Adi!*

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**Dana D-Emergency** - January 09, 2015 at 06:03 AM