



Rose Mary Watson

July 29, 1943 - February 13, 2022

Rose Mary (Callaghan) Watson, age 78, died on February 13, 2022, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. "Little Mary Callaghan" was born on July 29, 1943 and was the daughter of Doris Madeline Dutcher and William Joseph Callaghan, and a Cedarville native.

Rose Mary graduated from Cedarville High School class of 1961. She married Richard Donald "Don" Watson Sr., a California native and a member of the U.S. Air Force stationed at Kincheloe Air Force Base in 1963.

Their first child, Dawn Marie, was born in Michigan, but then the Air Force moved the family to California, where their second and third children, Vicky Lynn and Debbie Sue, were born. Mary was a full-time homemaker who enjoyed dressing her girls up in Easter Bonnets and dresses and going on long walks with three little girls in a stroller.

Before long, the Air Force moved the family again, across the country, and across the world, to diverse locations such as Dover, Delaware; Minot, North Dakota; Williams Air Force Base, Arizona; and Adana, Turkey. In 1972, her youngest child and only son, Richard Donald "Donny," was born.

Mary enjoyed traveling, and living at Incirlik Air Base in Turkey, where she shopped in the Turkish Bazaars, enjoyed the sights, and traveled to exotic

Mediterranean locations like Athens, Greece. She relished an international lifestyle of travel, shopping, visiting her many friends, and supporting her husband, a dedicated career Non-commissioned officer in the Air Force. She also loved watching Don play baseball and was his biggest fan and cheerleader.

Mary settled for many years in Arizona, where her kids completed school and left the nest.

Her grandchildren knew her as "Grandma Mary," who loved to sing karaoke and play video games with them. She was at her very best when caring for children and the elderly. She worked in retirement communities and truly loved her job and the residents she assisted.

She finally moved back to her home and where her heart had always been, Cedarville, Michigan, to reconnect with family, friends from long ago, and her roots. Mary experienced poor health for the last couple of years and finally joined her many loved ones who had passed before her. She is at last in the eternal joyous afterlife with her beloved Don, dancing a slow dance while they look lovingly into each other's eyes and smile.

Mary is survived by her four children, Dawn, Vicky, Debbie, Donnie; and her many grandchildren, Jamison VanOosbree, Eric VanOosbree, Hanna VanOosbree, Dillon VanOosbree, Shelby Heard, Ashton Sutton, Andrew Watson, Katrina Laundrup, Lars Laundrup, and Signe Laundrup.

A Memorial gathering will be held on March 3, 2022, from 1:00 P.M. till 2:00 P.M. at Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation, in Pickford, Michigan. The Memorial Mass will begin at 2:00 PM.

Interment will be at Cedar Cemetery, in Cedarville, in the Spring.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Cemetery (aka Edgewood)

Clark Township Office
P.O. Box 367
Cedarville, MI 49719

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

MAR 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
24549 S. M-129
Pickford, MI 49774

Memorial Mass

MAR 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rose Mary Watson*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Rose Mary Watson*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Rose Mary Watson*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Rose Mary will be buried on the 25th of May. Service will be held at 3:00 PM at the church, and a graveside service at 4:00 PM.*

Jens Laundrup - May 20, 2022 at 03:24 PM



“ *Grandma,*

I want to let you know We did it ! thank you for watching over us. I'm so excited for this next chapter and I wish I could share it with you. Mom said its in our blood. so here we go!

Ashton - May 19, 2022 at 06:12 PM

AK

“ Hey, Grandma

I hope you are doing well were you are. just had lots of thoughts of you today. I hope you are finally happy and feel at peace in your soul finally. love you!

Ashton Kragh - May 06, 2022 at 02:59 PM

DL

“ For everyone who knew my Mom, Mary, and loved her. Thank you for attending and paying your respects and farewell. We will be posting more photos on this wall and look forward to seeing your comments about your memories of her. She truly cared about you all and I know she is looking down upon you with happiness that you cared for her during her life.

Dawn Laundrup - March 03, 2022 at 07:48 PM

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Love, Sis

Dawn Laundrup - March 03, 2022 at 07:48 PM

JB

Hi, this is a very good friend of your mother. Mary. Her and zi were joined at the hip trying to stay out of trouble. What one didn't think of the other one did. We lost touch when we started moving with our husband's being in the Air Force. When she moved back to Cedarville we got in touch again. We talked quite a bit by phone cause I lived in Ohio. I missed her but went to see her every time I was up there. I will miss her dearly and sad I can't come to the funeral because of illness of my husband. I do want to say a special thanks to Donny Jr. and all her classmates that helped care for her in her time of need. May she R.I.P. and she is no longer in pain.

Jeri Barr - May 18, 2022 at 02:19 PM

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Dawn

Dawn Laundrup - March 03, 2022 at 07:47 PM

EM

“ Emmy lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Watson



Emmy - March 03, 2022 at 05:00 PM

MC

“ *Maji, Emmy, Owen, Aiden, Cooper lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Watson*



Maji, Emmy, Owen, Aiden, Cooper - March 03, 2022 at 04:59 PM

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Maji, Emmy, Owen, Aiden, Cooper - March 03, 2022 at 04:58 PM

AV

“ *Addison & Scarlet VanOosbree lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Watson*



Addison & Scarlet VanOosbree - March 03, 2022 at 03:16 PM

PV

“ *Paul VanOosbree lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Watson*



Paul VanOosbree - March 03, 2022 at 03:15 PM

VO

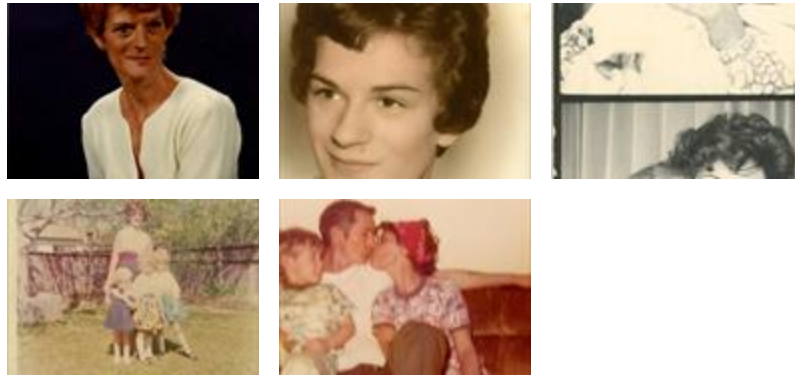
“ Vicky Van Oosbree lit a candle in memory of
Rose Mary Watson



Vicky Van Oosbree - March 03, 2022 at 03:13 PM

JE

“ 25 files added to the album Memories Album



Jens - March 03, 2022 at 01:40 PM

DA

“ Dawn lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary
Watson



Dawn - March 03, 2022 at 01:37 PM

AN

“ *Annette lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Watson*



annette - March 02, 2022 at 09:55 PM

AN

love you Aunt Mary! Rest in peace

annette - March 02, 2022 at 09:56 PM

DL

Thank you Annette! Mom will be missed.

Dawn Laundrup - March 03, 2022 at 07:51 PM

JL

“ *The first time I met Mary, she stepped off the plane in Seattle WA, and immediately became a part of my life, unexpectedly. I was raising three young kids, working, and doing all the preparations for my upcoming wedding to Dawn, Mary's oldest daughter, who was stationed in Germany.*

In the 6-months she lived at the house, I learned a lot about her. She loved small dogs, had a life-long love affair with deviled eggs, wanted to join the Bacon of the Month club, hated Martha Stewart, and loved Loretta Lyn and her music. She also detested Daylight Savings Time, so in loving memory of Mary, I ask you all to join me in writing your congressman, in honor of Mary Watson and ask them to repeal Daylight Savings time.

We love you and will miss you Mary!

Jens Laundrup - February 26, 2022 at 07:45 PM

DL

“ *My mother's passing has taken a heavy toll on my heart. My mother was not perfect, but who among us is? I loved her for who she was, a nurturing parent when I was a child, a firm hand as a teenager, and for her driving my intrinsic motivation, inspiring me to not only make it but to excel. When I completed university and was commissioned as a Nursing Officer in the United States Air Force, my mother helped pin on my first rank. When I decided to get married to Jens, she moved to Washington to help him out until I could join him. When she knew her job was done, she returned to her childhood home and her family and childhood friends in Michigan.*

Mom spoke to Father Jernej on multiple occasions in the past couple of months, and she knew that her work here was done. She received the call and an offer she could not refuse for an appointment from which she would not be returning. It comes with a sign-on bonus: a reunion with friends and family she has not seen in a long time and reunification with the love of her life and father of her children, Richard "Don" Watson. They are dancing among the stars now.

I love you, mom, and miss you. Until we meet again!

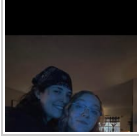
Dawn Laundrup - February 26, 2022 at 07:43 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rose Mary Watson.*



February 25, 2022 at 05:04 AM



“ *Grandma, I will never be able to put into words how much I will miss you. I will cherish every second we spent together for the rest of my life, even if some of those moments were spent giving me bad haircuts! Thank you for always putting up with my Alias and 13 going on 30 marathons and singing Moulin Rouge with me on the karaoke machine. I loved finishing our days off making brownies or I guess you making brownies and me licking the bowl. I love you so much and I will see you again someday.*



Hanna Van Oosbree - February 24, 2022 at 08:35 PM

JA

“ *Grandma, I'll always cherish the memories of our Tanya Tucker karaoke nights and how you always yielded the metaphorical microphone and spotlight. Your patience, grace, and willingness to share instilled in me the values I hold dear to this day. Although you may no longer be with us, your spirit will live on through the edification I received from you, which will undoubtedly be imparted to my own next of kin. The tree of Little Mary will never be broken by the wind.*

Jamison - February 24, 2022 at 10:02 AM

AK

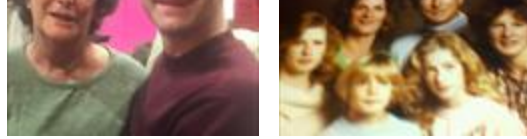
“ Hello Grandma,

I know this is a strange way to start this but I have rewritten this so many times, not know how to say I miss you so much! one of the last times I got with you was when you were staying at my house and telling me about your visit to Loretta Lynn's home stead and Elvis's place. And bring up the movie Cole miners Daughter. I think I watched that with you at least a 100 times. Also I never told you but to have a bit of your spirit with me I do sing "there's a tree out in the back yard" to Maj. It was one of the ways I could pass a bit of you along.

I was thinking about those weekends growing up I would spend the weekend at your house and we would watch life time movie marathons and your collection of Danielle Steel movies or MURPHYS ROMANCE! that was the big one to. I remember you told me you loved how strong Sally Field was in that movie and I wanted to be just like her to. Thank you for that, making me a strong women. And also showing me that you should ALWAYS take a picture of your Thanks giving table layout EVERY YEAR with out labeling the picture with dates, hahaha so you'll have twenty pictures of a beautiful meal but not know when or what year it was hahaha. Also I still have the olives (black olives) and pickles at my table every year along with your famous green beans. today we went thrift shopping and I kept seeing parts of that set of china you used to have, the one with the roses. it made me cry and smile. I love you so very much! I wish somethings had been different but well talk in heaven on day. but know that I have and will always love you. Until we meet again. love you. I'll crack a pepsi for you!

Love,
Ash





Ashton Kragh - February 22, 2022 at 07:41 PM

TA

“ *My kindred spirit! I love you very much! Miss our long talks. We shared many laughs and many heart felt conversations about family. Until we meet again Aunt Mary. I will keep watch over Mike for you and fill in with movie nights. Hugs and tears, miss you always. I'm sure Eddie is aggravating you already!*

Tania - February 22, 2022 at 11:16 AM

KF

“ *Katy, Hal, Reed, Matthew & Lauren Faulk purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rose Mary Watson.*



Katy, Hal, Reed, Matthew & Lauren Faulk - February 21, 2022 at 12:08 PM



“ Although I didn’t get a chance to see my grandmother lately, I still have a lot of great memories with her. Whether it was watching Alaskan Gold Rush or playing Rummy, Grandma Mary always found a way to keep me entertained. Here are a few pictures from our house that will always have a place in my heart. Grandma, you will be greatly missed.



Dillon Oosbree - February 20, 2022 at 11:24 AM

EO

“ Grandma, I am sorry that I will not be able to attend. I love you and miss you. I remember sitting at the dining room table in Minnesota play Rummy for hours during the weekends. I remember trying to eat the grapefruit from your tree in Arizona and you showed me to put sugar on it to make it taste better. Thank you for letting me have those memories and I will hold them and pass them on to my 2 kids. I love you grandma.

Erik Van Oosbree - February 18, 2022 at 09:13 PM

JE

“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Jens - February 17, 2022 at 08:49 PM

JL

“ 8 files added to the album Memories Album



Jens Laundrup - February 17, 2022 at 06:02 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers are with Mary and her family and friends at this time.

Mike Pratt - February 17, 2022 at 05:11 PM



Thanks for being such a great friend to my mom. She really enjoyed spending time with you.

Paul- Van Oosbree - February 17, 2022 at 09:05 PM

DL

Jens and Paul, thank you so much for all you have done for my Mom over the years. She has had help when she needed it from you and I will be forever grateful. You have been loving and caring sons to her as well as her own daughters and son. Also all her grandchildren who have helped her and made her happy with their love and attention, thank you.

Dawn Laundrup - March 03, 2022 at 12:26 PM

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