



## Mary Cologie

February 8, 1944 - May 13, 2022

Mary Ann (Porath) Cologie, age 78, beloved wife of Victor Cologie, adoring mother of

James and Karen Edwards, stepmother of Michael Cologie and Melissa (Mike)

Lundgren, loving grandmother of Brigit Edwards, Evelyn (Dylan) Johnston, Emma

Lundgren, and Kyle Edwards. She is survived by siblings Lee Roy (Betty) Porath, Ilene

Grant, and Richard (Denise) Porath, Linda (Don) Chamberlin and Debra (Richard)

Geiman and her former husband Ronald Edwards. Mary was preceded in death by

her parents, Elmer and Gwenevere (Gibbs) Porath, daughters, Cheryl Edwards, Ann

Marie Edwards, brothers, Gordon and Raymond (Cindy) Porath, and sisters, Phyllis (Larry)

Wasilewski and Barbara (Clem) Girard, and brother-in-law Jack Grant.

Born on February 8th, 1944, in Wyandotte, Michigan and grew up on the family farm

in Flat Rock. Mary attended Flat Rock High School and received her GED in 1979 from

Huron High School, for which she was very proud. She attended Wayne County Community College and was certified as a Medical Assistant and enjoyed the technical aspects of preparing surgical packets. Never shying from hard work, Mary's diverse employment history included Ford Stamping Plant, waitressing, office cleaning, and in addition to raising her own children, she was a nanny for the Scofield family for several years.

Mary had many interests, one of which was playing pinochle with the same ladies for several decades. She loved bingo and could play over 30 cards at a time. She bowled on leagues. Mary loved to fish whenever she got the opportunity. She had a passion for flowers and gardening and couldn't walk past a weed without pulling it, regardless of where or who was watching. In her later years she loved watching Detroit Red Wing hockey and the Tigers. She was a big fan of the show Survivor, anything to do with animal veterinarians, Alaska, or Mountain Men.

Mary and Vic were long-time residents of Sterling Heights, Michigan, prior to their recent move to a senior living apartment in Shelby Township. Mary's greatest joy was family and being a homemaker which earned her the title "White Tornado." She enjoyed cooking and family holidays, and always welcomed the friends of the kids to

join us. She was a true inspiration in the way she accepted Vic's children as her own.

Mary's warm smile, fun spirit and sense of humor brought so much joy to her family.

She was a fortunate recipient of a kidney transplant that granted her an additional 16 years of life. Her family will always be grateful to the donor for those additional years.

The positive attitude she kept even in the most difficult times was truly remarkable.

On Friday May 13th she died peacefully at home after 55 days in the hospital.

Mary

will always be remembered for her strength and courage and for the abundance of love she blessed us with.

There will be a celebration of her life on June 11, 2022 at 11am

Faith Lutheran Church

25402 Arsenal Rd

Brownstown Charter Twp

MI 48134

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

(734) 222-9800

or

[www.nkfm.org](http://www.nkfm.org)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Faith Lutheran Church  
25402 Arsenal Rd  
Brownstown Charter Twp, MI 48134

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Cologie*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Mary Cologie*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Cologie.*



June 06, 2022 at 01:37 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Cologie.*



June 04, 2022 at 11:15 PM



“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



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**Kari Edwards** - May 19, 2022 at 10:23 PM