



Anna Laura Milligan

May 25, 1928 - August 26, 2018

VULCAN- Anna L. Milligan, age 90 of Vulcan, died Sunday, August 26, 2018 at Maryhill Manor in Niagara, WI.

She was born May 25, 1928 in Detroit, the daughter of the late Paul and Alma (Sizemore) Tiffany.

Anna graduated from Detroit's East Commerce High School in 1945 and received a bachelor's degree in education from Michigan State Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University) in 1948. She also attended Capital University in Columbus, Ohio.

With relatives in the area, she took a job as kindergarten teacher for Foster City Elementary School in the Upper Peninsula.

Anna married the love of her life, James J. Milligan, Sr. on June 3, 1950 in Foster City. He preceded her in death on November 1, 2014.

Anna worked for the Dickinson Co. Head Start program for 24 years, and received her master's degree in elementary education from Northern Michigan University in the 1980's. She proceeded to teach early childhood education classes at Bay College for many years.

Anna was proud to be named Homemaker of the Year at the 1990 Dickinson Co. Fair. Above all, she enjoyed time with her family and grandchildren, as well as knitting, sewing, gardening, canning, baking, playing the piano, adult coloring, and solving puzzles. Well-read and intelligent, she conversed on many topics and issues. To her last days, Anna modeled integrity, kindness, and love, as a lesson for us all.

The family wants to extend a special thank you to the wonderful, loving, staff at Maryhill Manor Nursing Home.

Anna is survived by her son Michael (Karen) Milligan of Bath; daughters, Sheryl (Tony) Baciak of Norway, Lynn (Jim) Opolka of Norway and Diana (Todd DeClark) Milligan of Niagara; grandchildren, Ian (Nicole Rebusi) Milligan, Tony (Jenn) Baciak, Tom (Meredith) Baciak, Teresa (Whitney Lessor) Baciak, Mindy (Jeff) Herman, Matt (Megan) Opolka, Audra (Kevin) Brush, Alaina (Joe Plourde) Gendron, Ryan Milligan and Tiffany Milligan; step-grandson John (Erin) Gendron; 15 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Faye Bartoszek of Overland Park, KS, Phyllis (Marshall) Kesler of Iron Mountain; many nieces and nephews; and close family friend Patti Bucierka of Kaukauna, WI.

She was preceded in death by her son James Joseph Milligan, Jr; and her only sibling and sister, Shirley Francis of Howell, MI, who passed away only four hours prior to Anna.

Visitation will be held on Friday, August 31 from 10-12 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Norway.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday at 12 p.m. at St. Mary's Church with Fr. Timothy Ekaitis officiating.

Interment will be held at the Norway Township Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 31. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Church
401 Main Street
Norway, MI 49870

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 31. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Church
401 Main Street
Norway, MI 49870

Tribute Wall

RO

“ Bob and I are so sorry to hear of Anna's passing. I was in the hospital and somehow did not know that she had passed. We have wonderful memories of her as she talked our son Tony in Head Start. Her and your dad were wonderful neighbors and we sure enjoyed when we could sit together and visit. She raised wonderful children that are tribute to her in your dad. May God Rest her soul she will be sadly missed.

Robelle - September 03, 2018 at 03:29 PM

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“ To all the Milligan's, condolences and our deepest sympathy. She lived a wonderful life and raised terrific children

Marcus and Carolyn Weseman

Marcus Weseman (Marcus.Weseman@orau.org) - September 03, 2018 at 01:00 PM

MB

“ Our sympathy to Anna's family. We have very fond memories of her. Miriam and Art Belding

Miriam Belding - September 01, 2018 at 06:16 PM

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“ My deepest condolences on your family's loss of Anna. I was unable to attend her visitation and service this morning, but was there in spirit. I will forever cherish the memories I have of her and Jim, from the time I first met them after they purchased our house on WPA Road (when I was a young girl) through my adulthood. They always had a beautiful smile, kind heart, and warm hug for me. They were two of the nicest people on the planet, and will truly be missed.

Dina Zietlow (Degenaer) - August 31, 2018 at 10:55 PM

EG

“ Eveline Grimes lit a candle in memory of Anna Laura Milligan



Eveline Grimes - August 31, 2018 at 06:18 PM

EG

I am so sorry in the passing of your beloved mother and grandmother. Her legacy is the wonderful children she raised and the grand and great grandchildren she loved. May she rest in peace!

Eveline Grimes - August 31, 2018 at 06:24 PM

HM

“ My deepest sympathy to the whole family, whom Ann loved dearly. Ann was a lovely person, in every way. I grew up knowing her, playing with her children, and still dream about the street we lived on growing up. She helped my mother at Mary Hill with encouragement always, which our family so appreciated. Ann will so be missed. God Bless Ann, her family, and all who knew her.

Holly McCarthy-Biolo - August 31, 2018 at 11:09 AM



“ Sully and Maggie purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Anna Laura Milligan.



Sully and Maggie - August 30, 2018 at 11:03 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Anna Laura Milligan.



August 30, 2018 at 09:40 AM



“ Anna was one of my very favorite people on this planet. She always made me feel special and always saved a hug just for me. I will forever hold her in a very special spot in my heart.

Teresa Thurston - August 29, 2018 at 12:19 AM



“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anna Laura Milligan.



August 28, 2018 at 10:19 PM

Terina Eakley

“ I will never forget her beautiful smile.. Coloring together.. She would call me her toraleni.. Smile at me and say that's my girl. She was very dear to me..and I loved her truly

Terina Eakley - August 28, 2018 at 10:04 PM



“ Will miss her lots. She had a very special place in my heart.



Jennifer Goudreau-Cheney - August 28, 2018 at 04:38 PM

SF

“ St Marys Parish Family lit a candle in memory of Anna Laura Milligan



St Marys Parish Family - August 28, 2018 at 01:42 PM

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“ In the Love that surrounds you,
may you find Strength;
In the Memories you Cherish,
may you find Peace...

God's Love and Blessings, The Parish Family of St Marys

St Marys Parish Family - August 28, 2018 at 01:41 PM