



Ann Louise Bragg

February 25, 1935 - August 5, 2020

Ann Bragg passed away August 5, 2020 in Toledo, Ohio at the age of 85. Born February 25, 1935 in Boston, Massachusetts to Howard R. and Alice E (Ressler) Brentlinger, Ann grew up in Belmont, Massachusetts where she graduated from Belmont High School. She attended Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio where she met the love of her life Ralph her freshman year. Ralph proposed to Ann while crossing the Atlantic Ocean on a trip with his parents to Europe and the Holy Land. He had originally intended to propose on the Eiffel Tower but was informed in Boston that he would not be able to carry the engagement ring through customs in France. Ann and Ralph were married in Boston, Massachusetts in the spring of their senior year. After Graduation from Otterbein, they moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts where Ralph attended Harvard Law School.

After Ralph completed law school, they moved to Toledo, Ohio where Ralph had accepted an offer of employment. While Ann primarily stayed home to serve as a devoted wife to Ralph and tireless mother to her four children, she remained extremely active in the Toledo community. Ann was a certified teacher and taught as a substitute teacher for Toledo Public Schools and with the Headstart Program for Rossford Schools. Ralph and Ann were active members of Park Congregational Church for over 50 years. At Park, Ann taught Sunday school, served on various boards, committees and circles, coached girls' basketball, and volunteered as a leader of the youth group (including mission trips to New England and West Virginia).

Outside of Church, Ann was active as a volunteer for many social service agencies. She was a volunteer for the Toledo Society for the Blind and received its Volunteer of the Year award in 1998. She served on the Board of Grace Community Center. She also volunteered with Feed Your Neighbor, Mobile Meals, St. Paul's Community Center, Care for the Homeless, Read for Literacy, Cub Scouts, Maumee Children's Center, American Cancer Society, and the Toledo Museum of Art. She also loved the Metropolitan Park District of the Toledo Area where she served as a volunteer naturalist and trail partner for children and persons with special needs. She was active with the Toledo Bar Association Auxiliary, volunteered at her children's schools and racked up innumerable miles and

hours driving her children/grandchildren (and their friends) to sporting, social and school events. She was very proud of the certificate she received from Mayor Harry Kessler for her role in naming the Seagate Centre in downtown Toledo.

After many enjoyable summers at Miley's Resort at Lake Bellaire in northern Michigan, Ann and Ralph bought a cottage at Devil's Lake in lower Michigan. They spent many weekends and summers at the lake and were happiest when they could entertain family and friends at their cottage. Ann loved the outdoors, animals and especially the many dogs that were part of her family over the years. In her later years, she enjoyed traveling the country with the Otterbein Alumni Association, singing with the Senior Singers at the Maumee Senior Center, as well as the Swan Creek Singers after moving there.

Ann was predeceased by her husband of 60 years, Ralph, and her siblings, Howard, Caroline and Pauline. She is survived by daughter, Cathy (Steve) Leinbaugh of Fort Meyers, Florida; sons, Michael (Sharon) Bragg of Holland, Ohio, James (Holly) Bragg of Waukege, Iowa, and John (Janet) Bragg of Perrysburg, Ohio; grandchildren, Courtney (Mitch) Miller, Jeff (Heather) Leinbaugh, Cara, Matt, Lindsay, Caitlynn (Steve) Akin, Nicholas (Toshiko) Bragg, Julia, Christopher, Jessica and Jacob; great-grandchildren, Mason and Ella.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 14, 2020 at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 South Reynolds Road. A Funeral is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 15, 2020 at Park Congregational Church, 1456 Harvard Blvd., Toledo OH. The Funeral service will be recorded and posted on the Friends of Park Church Facebook page shortly after the service. Interment will be private. Due to COVID-19, please wear face masks and practice social distancing throughout the visitation and funeral service. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Ohio Living at Swan Creek for their care of Ann over the last five years. Memorial donations may be given to Park Congregational Church. Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Events

AUG **Visitation** 03:00PM - 07:00PM

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Coyle Funeral Home

1770 S. Reynolds Road, Toledo, OH, US, 43614

AUG **Service** 11:00AM

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Park United Church of Christ

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Comments



“ Mike, Sharon and Family,
Our prayers and condolences to you on the passing of your mom. May the lifetime of great memories always sustain you. Her legacy will live on in each of you in the foundation she helped shape and nurture. May the gift and blessing of her life be a reminder of the incredible love of God.
Dale and Maria Theis

Dale Ronald Theis - August 18, 2020 at 10:53 AM



“ Ann was a dear friend for many years as we were members of Park Congregational Church. She and her husband, Ralph, were always very welcoming and we were often invited to their cottage on Devil's Lake. She will be missed by her friends and family. We had many potlucks and fun times together.

Dorothy - August 14, 2020 at 05:26 PM



“ A Note of Condolence For The Family of Ann Bragg-
My sympathy and caring thoughts are with all of Ann's loved ones and although words may not ease your sorrow, hearts can share your loss. Ann's was certainly a life well lived. She was a blessing to her family, her friends, her church, and her community. I will remember her with affection and admiration.
Shirley Branyan
Park Church Member

Shirley Branyan - August 14, 2020 at 03:00 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Ann Louise Bragg.



August 13, 2020 at 07:45 PM



“ Mike: I wish to send my sympathy and condolences at the death of your Mother. I'm sure you'll miss her but also have happy memories. Because of the visiting restrictions here at Senior Star where I live, I will not be able to attend the visitation or funeral. However, I will remember all of you in my prayers and Masses. I certainly miss the Masses I say at St. Francis and all my friends there. Hopefully the restrictions and threat of quarantine will be lifted soon. God bless you and all of your family.

Sincerely in Christ. Fr. Jack Laudick

Fr. Jack Laudick - August 13, 2020 at 02:40 PM



“ Michael:
Roy and I were saddened to read of your Mother's passing. May perpetual Light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Our prayers go out to you and your family.

Fondly,
Roy & Mur

Mur Bookmiller - August 14, 2020 at 03:32 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ann Louise Bragg.



August 12, 2020 at 09:41 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ann Louise Bragg.



August 12, 2020 at 01:30 PM



“ KaiKong and Virginia (Auburn) Yee purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Ann Louise Bragg.



KaiKong and Virginia (Auburn) Yee - August 12, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ann Louise Bragg.



August 12, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ Doug & Kathy, Faith, Joy & Hope purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ann Louise Bragg.



Doug & Kathy, Faith, Joy & Hope - August 12, 2020 at 09:58 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ann Louise Bragg.



August 12, 2020 at 06:01 AM



“ Ann and I met through our husbands. Our husbands were lawyers at Spengler, Nathanson, attorneys in Toledo. Ann always had a pleasing way of communicating to others. Ann will be missed.

Arlene - August 12, 2020 at 05:29 AM