



Ursel Pfannendoerfer Karl

March 12, 1942 - May 18, 2019

Ursel Karl, a long time resident of Toledo, OH died Saturday May 18, 2019 at the age of 77 at Parkcliffe Dementia Community in Toledo.

Born in 1942 in Mannheim, Germany, Ursel immigrated via Ellis Island to New York City in 1953 with her parents, Liesel and Fritz Pfannendoerfer. She later moved to Toledo, OH in 1975 with her husband John Karl and 3 children Christine, Erika, and baby-on-the-way, Deirdre.

Ursel was known for her needle arts and also helped new immigrants from Laos acclimate to the US. She said she liked to give back as a thank-you to those who helped her when she immigrated.

She is survived by her husband John Karl, and her 3 daughters, Christine Phares of Tampa, FL, Erika Karl of Brooklyn, NY, and Deirdre Karl of Brooklyn, NY.

The family intends to privately spread her ashes near Ellis Island off the shore of NYC at a date to be determined. If you would like to pay your respects, her name can be found on the wall of immigrants at Ellis Island as Ursel Pfannendoerfer, her name when she immigrated. Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Comments



“ Ursel helped me do genealogical research on my ancestors who came from Germany. She knew more than I did plus she spoke German. She was a tremendous help and a wonderful person. I am from Bowling Green but I met her in a library in Perrysburg.
Ken Gutbrod

Ken Gutbrod - December 24, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ Please accept my family's sincere condolences on the loss of your dear loved one Mrs. Karl. May you find comfort in fond memories of her, and peace in God's assured promise to awaken those asleep in death to perfect health and conditions under his new Earthly government.

Greene Family - May 30, 2019 at 11:50 PM



“ Ursel Karl and her dear family fondly live on in my heart. Ursel came to me some forty years ago at the first Toledo Festival of the Arts with a Santa bag of Laotian Hmong pandau artwork looking to create an awareness of the Laotian plight. Her exuberance, spirit and dedication to helping these immigrants and other people was contagious. Together, we were on a journey to help rescue some lives through the arts. Women were encouraged to continue making their wonderful pandau while the men were trained in building maintenance work. Long story short, the Common Space Center for Creativity lives on in Toledo OH as a result of Ursel's devotion to helping people. Rest in peace dear lady, knowing you made the world a better place.

Martin W Nagy - May 29, 2019 at 09:39 AM



“ I'll never forget all the help Ursel gave me at the LDS Family History Center. She spent many hours over the course of a couple of years helping me research my German ancestors. She helped me with German pronunciations, maps and document translations. She was always polite and seemed to enjoy working with me and I enjoyed working elbow to elbow with her. May God grant her peace.



Carol Lilje - May 28, 2019 at 09:15 PM



“ Fond memories of Ursel and her generosity and expertise through the years in helping so many of us at the Family History Center in Perrysburg with the research of our ancestors. It was an honor to call you a friend. May God's blessings shine on you.

Shirley Pawlowski

Shirley Pawlowski - May 28, 2019 at 08:38 PM



“ My fondest memories of Ursel is her teaching me how to cross stitch. She had great compassion for people. She had so much information on different topics that she wanted to share. Rest In Peace.

Jennifer Weist - May 27, 2019 at 06:40 PM



“ Ursel was so helpful in spending time to help me research my German families' ancestry when she spent time at the LDS family history center. Thanks Ursel, I appreciate all the help you gave me.
Kevin

Kevin Hood - May 27, 2019 at 12:59 PM



“ Ursel was always generous with her time to help with german genealogy and always stressed we needed to know the events of that timeframe in history we were researching. Ursel leaves a long line of grateful genealogists as a legacy.

Mary - May 26, 2019 at 04:09 PM



“ Will always remember when we took the the girls to Germany. I gave every street a new name as I didn't speak the language. She was also my go to flower person. Hers always looked beautiful. Rest in peace Ursel from long time neighbor. Joy

Joy Acors - May 26, 2019 at 08:00 AM