



## Alice Catherine Durham

May 6, 1927 - August 26, 2017

Alice Durham, 90, left us on August 26, 2017 in Toledo Ohio.

In her last weeks, she spoke of being "really blessed." And she truly was. She was blessed with her beloved husband Dan who cherished her for 65 years; her 4 children – Cathy (Bruce) Wilson, Karen (John) Heinrichs, Barbara (Tony) Hirsch, and Daniel (Joan) Durham who loved her sweet, thoughtful guidance and wit; her 9 grandchildren who thrived in her joyful attention; her wonderful great grandchildren; adoring parents and siblings, Bill Gleespen and Mary Fox; treasured sister-in-law, Jane Gleespen Nachtrab; precious high school "sorority" friends, together for 70 years; close friend Toby Hoover; and many dear nieces and nephews. But we were even more blessed – by her faith, strength, wisdom, humor and devotion to all of us.

Alice was born on May 6, 1927 to Albert and Louise Gleespen. She went to Central Catholic high school and played clarinet in their marching band. She married her dear husband Dan in 1951. Because of Dan's 26 years with the fire department, Alice was able to stay home to raise their young children. As they grew older, she embarked on her own career as an HR Block tax professional, working for 38 years into her 80's. With Dan, she traveled to many places, including Ireland, Alaska and the Atlanta Olympics. Disney World with grandchildren was a favorite. Their 50th wedding anniversary celebration was celebrated in style in 2001. And this year, they reached a

landmark 65th anniversary.

Alice is preceded in death by her parents and siblings. She is survived by her husband, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, sister-in-laws, and other close friends.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Wednesday, August 30th from 5-8 p.m. where a Scripture Service will be recited at 7 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, August 31st at St. Patrick's of Heatherdowns Church at 10 a.m. Entombment will take place at Resurrection Cemetery at 1 p.m..

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Dr. William M. Gleespen Scholarship fund at St. John's High School, 5901 Airport Hwy, Toledo, OH 43615. Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue  
Toledo, OH 43615

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **30**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Service

AUG **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Patrick Of Heatherdowns  
4201 Heatherdowns Blvd  
Toledo, OH

# Tribute Wall

AH

“ We're so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. We know she was so loved. Our sympathies are with your family.

*Love, Allison and Brennen Hydzik*

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**Allison Hydzik** - August 30, 2017 at 06:51 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Alice Catherine Durham.



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August 30, 2017 at 02:47 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Alice Catherine Durham.



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August 29, 2017 at 05:23 PM

JD

“ *Cathy, I am sorry to learn of your mother's passing. You have my deepest sympathy at this difficult time.*

*Julie Carroll Darling*

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**Julie Carroll Darling** - August 29, 2017 at 05:21 PM

CJ

“ *Joan and Dan, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family! Love, David and Carol (Friend)*



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**Carol Jean** - August 29, 2017 at 05:11 PM

TF

“ *Thoughts with love, your Vandy Work Family purchased the Dawn of Remembrance Basket for the family of Alice Catherine Durham.*



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**Thoughts with love, your Vandy Work Family** - August 29, 2017 at 01:39 PM

JL

“ *So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. She was a lovely lady.*

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**Jan Guinsler Ligman** - August 29, 2017 at 11:12 AM

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“ *From Helga York, I remember Alice as a caring person. I had a problem with my back in the 80's and she told me about yoga and the different stretches, I am so glad she was such a good and sharing person, the yoga stretches helped my back and I have no problems to this day. I had the privilege of working with Alice at the H&R Block Premium office in Perrysburg, Ohio. She will be missed.*

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**Helga York** - August 29, 2017 at 08:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alice Catherine Durham.*



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August 28, 2017 at 11:36 PM



“ *From the Dobbins, McKenzies, Welchs and Whites purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Alice Catherine Durham.*



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**From the Dobbins, McKenzies, Welchs and Whites** - August 28, 2017 at 11:32 PM



“ *Summer holiday afternoon at Aunt Alice and Uncle Dan’s place: All the Durhams and their friends, Jane and Bill and kids, Charles and Mary and kids and spouses, coming and going throughout the day. Everyone is happy to see each other and glad to be there. Dan is quietly smiling and grilling, talking about what spices he used to pickle his cucumber garden. Alice is pleased and relaxed and giving lots of big, tight hugs to welcome everyone. How can someone so skinny give such a big hug? Lawn chairs and catching up on who’s doing what. A warm, beautiful day.*

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**Mike Gleespen** - August 28, 2017 at 03:34 PM