



Carolyn Steinhauer Cousino

April 4, 1931 - June 13, 2021

Carolyn Steinhauer Cousino a lifelong Toledoan, passed away on Sunday, June 13, 2021 at Ohio Living Swan Creek, Toledo, Ohio at the age of 90. She was born on April 4, 1931 to Charlotte Meagher Steinhauer and Willam Henry Steinhauer in Toledo Hospital.

Carolyn was educated at DeVeaux Elementary, DeVilbiss High School, and The University of Toledo. Her career was focused in early childhood education having graduated from UT's College of Education in 1953. She began her career as a kindergarten teacher at DeVeaux where she had attended as a child. She later taught at Nathan Hale and Longfellow followed by a long stint at Newbury which she retired from. In 30 years she only missed a few days of school.

At UT, Carolyn was active in leadership roles and student activities including Secretary of Chi Omega, and President of University YWCA, and a member of Who's Who and Peppers. In 1952 she and Ralph Cousino, through their involvement in the University YWCA and YMCA, were instrumental in launching the first Freshman Camp at Camp Storer for incoming UT freshman. Son Brent attended this same camp in 1974.

In 1954 she married Ralph. They had sons Brent and Craig. Craig had Tuberous Sclerosis which added medical challenges requiring round-the-clock care. His needs changed Carolyn's life in profound ways including the development of a long-term relationship with Sunshine Communities in Maumee where Craig live for many years. She was very devoted to Craig,

spending countless hours visiting him, advocating for him and befriending staff at Sunshine.

After Carolyn and Ralph divorced in 1967, she went back to UT and attained a master's degree followed by returning to the Toledo Public Schools as a teacher.

Carolyn had a great love of people. She never met a stranger and would strike up conversations with ease at restaurants that she frequented. Her favorites were Charlie's Ice Cream and Edibles and Charlie's Pizza in Sylvania. Carolyn attended St. Michael's in the Hills Episcopal Church for many years and had sung in the choir.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Charlotte, and her son Craig. Carolyn is survived by son Brent (Pam), grandsons Will (Hannah) and Neal (Andrea), great-grandsons Nicolas and Mateo, as well as brothers Bruce Steinhauer, MD (Gillian) and Rev. Roger Steinhauer, PhD (Maryanne). The family will celebrate Carolyn's life at a private memorial service at Lakeside Chautauqua in August.

Memorials can be sent to Sunshine Foundation at 7223 Maumee-Western Rd., Maumee, OH 43537.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn

1502 W Central Ave
Toledo, OH 43606

Tribute Wall



“ Carolyn and I were team teachers at Longfellow. She was always caring and professional and loved teaching. I have fond memories of our time together. Condolences on your loss. Diane Phillips

Diane Phillips - July 01, 2021 at 05:50 PM

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“ Brent and Family:
I was privileged to serve as principal of Newbury School for a year and a half and Carolyn was a part of that fabulous faculty. I have never seen a more outstanding, dedicated group of people than the wonderful staff who served there. At the time our first child entered kindergarten and I so wished that I could bring him to Newbury instead of the school he attended. I know she loved teaching and there are hundreds of children that got a great start in their education through your mother.

Dr. Richard A St John

Dr Richard A St John - July 01, 2021 at 12:03 PM

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“ Brent and family, my sincere condolences on the loss of your mom. I am forever grateful to her for creating Freshman Camp at UT. My years involved with it were some of the best of my life. That's where I met my husband; and I still meet with lifelong friends that I met through it. May fond memories of her bring you comfort; as well as knowing she is again with your dad. I wish you peace.
Anne (Vanderkelen) Kwiatkowski

Anne Kwiatkowski - June 30, 2021 at 10:51 AM

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“ *Thinking of the family and remembering Carolyn fondly. She comes from a good, good family and had a wonderful family of her own!*
Love, Whitney

Whitney Gillis - June 26, 2021 at 01:22 PM