



Dorothy C. Mohler

November 27, 1921 - June 16, 2012

Dorothy Catherine Mohler (Downey), 90 years old, died in Sylvania, Ohio, surrounded by her loving family, on June 16, 2012. Dorothy cared deeply about people, the city of Toledo, education and left her mark on the world in many subtle ways. Her primary legacy is a family of eight children, their spouses, 16 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and great-grandmother, she was the heart and strength of an extended family that treasured her deeply. Taught to love God and to love one another, Dorothy leaves a legacy of love.

Dorothy grew up in Lima, Ohio, a place that she greatly cherished. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Mary Manse College in Toledo in 1943, where she made lifelong friends with whom she spent many wonderful times. At Mary Manse, Dorothy was awarded alumna of the year in 1985. After raising eight children, she also received her Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Toledo in 1979. She was a librarian at the Medical College of Ohio and Central Catholic High School.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her loving husband, Edward F. Mohler, Jr. whom she met in Toledo before his US Navy service in World War II. Dorothy and Ed married in 1947 and raised their eight children in the Old West End and Rosary Cathedral Parish communities. They believed strongly in the importance of education and supported all of their children as they completed

their college and advanced degrees.

As a devout Roman Catholic, Dorothy had great compassion for the less fortunate and those in need. During World War II, she helped with the war effort, working for General Motors in Dayton, Ohio, drafting and engineering Army Air Corps aircraft propellers. In addition, she spent many years volunteering with Meals on Wheels and at Rosary Cathedral in Toledo. She spent many hours helping at Rosary Cathedral's school and church as a choir member, church tour guide, member of the Cathedral Players, and served on various church and school committees. In more recent years, she was a choir member and active parishioner at The Historic Church of St. Patrick in Toledo.

Dorothy had many hobbies and interests including traveling, reading, music, antiques, gardening, attending sporting events at the University of Toledo and playing bridge. Dorothy and Ed enjoyed traveling to many places around the world including Ireland, Greece, Spain, Germany, France, Italy, Alaska, England, Russia and the Caribbean. She was also a great supporter of her children and grandchildren, attending countless sporting, art and scholastic events.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Anna Downey, her sisters Rose Mary Gradwohl and Zita Tarr, and her brothers, John Downey, Reverend Joseph Downey, SJ and Bernard Downey.

She is survived by her eight children - Marty Mohler (Terri), Carolyn Rittner (Glen), Joan Austin (Bob), Claire Mohler, Beth Mohler, Ted Mohler (Pamala), Meg Buck (Chris), Steve Mohler (Melissa), grandchildren - Jarrod Mohler (Sharon), Bryan Mohler (Dana), Lindsay Behrman (Mike), Colin Mohler, Sarah Rittner, Rebecca Rittner, Jesse Austin, Crystal Strickler (Matt), Seth Austin (Stacey), Cody Austin (Tiffany), Luke Mohler, Steven Schmidt, Amanda Schmidt, Lilly Buck, Jacob Mohler, Keanan Mohler and great-grandchildren -

Declan Mohler, Maeve Mohler, Brooke Strickler, Landon Strickler, Mason Strickler, Brynn Austin and Brystol Austin. She is also survived by her brother, Thomas Downey.

Dorothy's family would like to thank her caregivers from Sunset House, Sunset Village and Hospice of Northwest Ohio for their loving care.

Family and friends may gather at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Road on Tuesday, June 19, 2012, from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. The prayer service will be held at 7:00 p.m. The funeral will begin in the mortuary Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. followed by a funeral mass at 10:00 a.m. at The Historic Church of St. Patrick at 130 Avondale Ave.

Memorials may be made to The Historic Church of St. Patrick Outreach Endowment at 130 Avondale, Toledo, Ohio 43602; Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral at 2535 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43610; Central Catholic High School Scholarship Fund, 2550 Cherry St., Toledo, Ohio 43608; or Hospice of Northwest Ohio, 800 S. Detroit Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43609. Please view and sign the "on-line" guest registry at CoyleFuneralHome.com

The Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face,

the rain fall soft upon your fields

and until we meet again may God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

Tribute Wall



“ Good morning Mohler Family! My name is Debbie Larkin. I'm Bernie & Jean Ann Downey's daughter & I wanted to tell you how sorry I am that your mother passed away. We don't know what we would do without my mom & my heart goes out to you. Love, Debbie, John & Lizzie Larkin###imported-begin##Debbie Larkin dlarkin@bldowney.com###imported-end##

June 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the whole family. What a wonderful life she has had and now an angel to watch over everyone. Thinking of you Beth-and sending many hugs!###imported-begin##Sara Kuhn###imported-end##

June 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Remembering so many wonderful times we had with Dorothy at Rosary Cathedral. She always was a special lady. May she rest in peace.###imported-begin##Mike & Diane Wagner###imported-end##

June 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Family of Mrs. Mohler, Claire has shared so many wonderful stories about the Mohler family at Washington McKinley School. The obituary of your mother reveals why you have such an outstanding family. I am so sorry for your loss. Dorothy Kijek###imported-begin##Dorothy Kijek###imported-end##

June 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mohler family:

May God Bless you and comfort you. Aunt Dorothy was a beautiful, intelligent and caring women, and what a gentle smile! She most reminded me of Uncle Joe, with a quiet, confident grace. May she rest in Peace.

Love,

Dan, Cynthia, James, Sam and Emma Downey

Sarasota, FL##imported-begin##Dan##imported-end##

June 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest cousins,

I just heard about the passing of your mother. I am so sorry. My mother's 2 sisters just passed away as well; Aunt Pat in May and Aunt Nancy just last week. I think it will be quite a reunion of the Lima crowd up in Heaven. I am sorry I cannot come for the funeral. Please know you all are in my heart and in my prays. Please send me you email addresses so I have it. It would be nice to stay in touch. Love to all, Mary Ellen (Bernie's daughter)##imported-begin##Mary Ellen Downey Rippe merippe@nalu.net##imported-end##

June 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Claire and the Mohler Family,

Your mom lived a long life surrounded by her loving family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I hope you are able to find comfort in all the wonderful memories you have of her.##imported-begin##Maryellen Kronenberg##imported-end##

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“ *To the Mohler Clan
You are in our thoughts and prayers. To know you mother was to be
beguiled!##imported-begin##Steve & Carol Ann
Yarbrough##imported-end##*

June 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Claire, You had to be very proud of all your mothers
accomplishments through her life.
My Prayers are with you and your whole family.
May she rest in peace,
Bob##imported-begin##bob toth##imported-end##*

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“ *We would like to express our deep and heartfelt sympathy over the
loss of your mother. She was an amazing, very talented
woman who will be deeply missed by so many.
Again, please accept our deepest sympathy.*

*Pat and Rick Sajewich##imported-begin##Pat and Rick
Sajewich##imported-end##*

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“ *Sometimes, while caring for people, you don't realize what they
have accomplished in their lifetime. I was amazed to learn so much
about her. My sincerest condolences to the entire Mohler
family.##imported-begin##Chris Stanley##imported-end##*

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“ Dear Beth and family, I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. Her life sounds so full and interesting, and she contributed so much to our community. You are in my thoughts...
Kathy Schaus/Rescue kate@buckeye-access.com

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“ Beth~
I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family at this time.
Kelly Kina
kelly.kina@tps.org

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“ We want to send our condolences to you and your family. I know your mom was the heart of your family and she will be missed. Find peace in your memories of her and know she is in a much better place and she will be your heart forever.
Gregg and Vicky Shaw

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“ I am sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. I know she is in a much better place, along with your Dad. You are all in my prayers.
Nancy
Nancy Wismer _Garand

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“ My dearest friends Marty, Terri and family----
know of my love and prayers as you go through this most difficult
time. My thoughts
and friendship are with you.
With my love ...Geo. Ryan - Knoxville, Tn.##imported-
begin##George J. Ryan II bigpinkhouse@peoplepc.com##imported-
end##

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“ I met and became a good friend of Claire through working with her
at school, and she spoke about her family a great deal. My heart felt
condolences go out to all the family.
Carmel Alterson##imported-begin##carmel alterson##imported-
end##

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“ My heart-felt thoughts and prayers are with you, Claire, and your
entire family. Your mother was a beautiful woman inside and out.
May your memories of her forever bring a smile to your
faces.##imported-begin##Christine Herlin##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with the extended Mohler family. After
reading this remarkable obituary, I now know where my coworker,
Claire, gets her drive for learning. My deepest
condolences.##imported-begin##Alecia Hoefler##imported-end##

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“ Dear Claire,

My deepest condolences go to you and your family. Although I did not know your Mom, based on what I just read in the obituary, she was a very interesting person whom I would have liked to talk to and maybe play bridge with. :-) I know that you will miss her as will many others whose lives she had touched in her lifetime.

My thoughts go to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Ewa###imported-begin##Ewa Fredette###imported-end##

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“ *I also work with Claire and I am very sorry to hear of her mother's passing. My prayers and condolences to the entire family.###imported-begin##Mary Ann Baiza###imported-end##*

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“ *Joan: So sorry for your loss. Your mom left a great legacy of children and service. Obviously one of the "Greatest Generation". God Bless you.###imported-begin##Molly McAvoy McGregor mcgregors1@charter.net###imported-end##*

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“ I worked with Claire at McKinley School and always heard about her beautiful family. I am so sorry on the passing of her mother. Claire was very close to her mother. I was also close to my mother and we always had that in common. My condolences to the whole family.##imported-begin##Linda Cohen##imported-end##

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“ I work with Claire and I am very sorry to hear of her mother's passing. My thoughts are with you. What a beautiful obituary! She must have been a wonderful person! Take care.##imported-begin##Maureen O'Brien##imported-end##

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