



Eleanor Ann Williams

August 2, 1918 - February 16, 2012

A midwife was at the Ohlman's homestead to bring Eleanor into the world on August 2, 1918. Eleanor was the second child of Ollie and Anna (Horrigan) Ohlman. She grew up on the family farm with two sisters (Mary Frances Bechtel and Florence O'Reilly who are now both deceased) and two brothers (Lawrence Ohlman - deceased and Raymond (Toni) Ohlman who resides in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.) The Ohlman Farm on Hill Avenue is still in operation today.

Eleanor graduated from Libbey High School in 1936. She married her high school sweetheart, James Williams at St. Charles Church on October 8, 1938; then went from her family's farm on Hill Avenue, west of Byrne Road to the Williams' farm on Hill Avenue, east of Byrne Road to begin her married life. Sadly, Eleanor's husband Jim died suddenly in August of 1973.

Her 35 years of marriage produced eight children: Ed (Jacquelyn), Gunter, TX; Jeanne (Jerry) Ryan, Holly Lake Ranch, TX; Ron (Betty), Holly Lake Ranch, TX; John (Tina), Toledo, OH; Jim (Rose), Grand Rapids, MI; Gary (Linda), Holland, OH; Dan (Nancy), Perrysburg, OH; Allan (Beth), New York, NY. Eleanor's children made her very proud over the years and blessed her with 23 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. All of whom survive her.

Raising a family of eight children prepared Eleanor for her second career as a

Pastry Chef Extraordinaire. She was the queen of cake decorating long before it was fashionable. Her beautiful sugar art won her many awards. Yet, Eleanor preferred the "real food" part of catering and ran her own business for several years. When she wasn't catering a wedding she was working for the Gladioux Corporation as the Cafeteria Manager for Mary Manse College. Her culinary talents spread to Houghton Elevator - Director of Food Services; St. Francis de Sales High School - Cafeteria Manager and the University of Toledo - Banquet Manager.

Besides being a wonderful wife, mother and chef, Eleanor spent her entire adult life dedicated to the Catholic Church. Eleanor could always find the time to volunteer whether it be at St. Charles School, St. Jude School, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, St. Patrick's of Heatherdowns Church, or Mary Manse College. After her retirement from the culinary world, Eleanor was a "Bright Light" as a volunteer for Heartbeat for 18 years. Her warmth, sense of humor, and dependability provided her with many friends. Those qualities along with her profound and unwavering faith were an example to family and friends alike. Eleanor is also survived by her good friend Charles (Chuck) Hussum, Toledo OH; sister-in-law Geraldine Ohlman, Toledo, OH and brother-in-law Louise (Margie) Williams of Montclair, CA and several very special nieces and nephews. "Mimi though you are in heaven now, your love, your happy heart and your spirit of hospitality is passed to your offspring for generations to come."

The family will receive friends at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. Toledo, OH from 2-8 p.m. on Sunday where a Scripture Service will be at 7 p.m. The funeral will begin in the mortuary Monday at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the retirement fund of the Sisters at the Ursuline Convent of the Sacred Heart, 4045 Indian Rd. Toledo 43606.

Tribute Wall



“ I have felt a special connection with Ron and Betty for over 30 years. We will never forget their many kindnesses and wonderful sense of humor and joy. My mother, who also raised 8 children and is still alive at 91 and who shared a life long devotion to the Catholic church as did Eleanor, always used to ask me about the parents of my friends. What kind of people were they, she would ask. She knew that from good parents come good children. From what I know of Ron, his must have been an outstanding mother. We are sad for her passing but rejoice in a life well lived and full of an abundance of love. May she revel in the joy she must feel at finally going home. My mother can hardly wait.##imported-begin##Bill Cheek bill@cheekfamily.net##imported-end##

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“ Dear Williams Family.
Your mother grandmother and great grandmother. was a great lady. Going back to the Cherry Blossom Festa days. Eleanor was seeing eorking in the bake goods plus she donated many of her special items. She always had a smile on her face and always a good word. She was a joy and honor to know. You have my love snd support at this time. I am sure she is helping the Good Lord doing many good things in heaven.
God bless you all,
Sister Ann Marie Mc ManusOSU##imported-begin##Sister Ann Marie Mc ManusOSU irishmcmanus@yahoo.com##imported-end##

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“ *What a wonderful woman! I am blessed to have known her. Rest in peace.##imported-begin##Mark Strohbeck##imported-end##*

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“ *Wish I could be there with you all to hug you and to joyously celebrate Eleanor's life. The obituary was a beautiful tribute. She touched so many lives in such a welcoming enthusiastic way! Her spirit lives on!!! God has another beautiful angel to grace His Heaven!
Love to you all!##imported-begin##Toni Ohlman##imported-end##*

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“ *My earliest memory of Aunt Eleanor is during our annual Christmas visit with Aunt Ursula at Mary Manse College where, as the adults chatted in the science classroom, we cousins explored the fascinating specimens in the science lab. Today as I think of her, I remember her warmth and humor and I marvel at all that she accomplished and the breadth and variety of experiences she had in her life. Chris, Kate, Matt and I are grateful that we had the opportunity to be a part of her 90th birthday celebration at Danny's home and also share some time with her this past August when we visited Toledo.
Our thoughts are with her children, my cousins, and wish we could be there with you to morn her passing and celebrate her full and happy life!##imported-begin##Tom##imported-end##*

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“ *Williams Family:*
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I was one of her Mary Manse girls and later then reunited at O.L.P.H. She was a wonderful woman with an infectious smile.##imported-begin##Jane Traser Hunter##imported-end##

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“ *Eleanor was a neighbor and friend for many years. I admired her many good works, along with her energy to accomplish all that she did. Between the midwife at birth and seeing a 'step grand daughter' in space for many months, she took all in stride. Special love to Ray and Toni. I am sorry not to be with you. Marjorie##imported-begin##Marjorie Mattimoe Hutton mhutt@bex.net##imported-end##*

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