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Born July 6, 1903 in Cincinnati, Ohio to Matthew and Elizabeth McCarty, Elizabeth died in her South Toledo home Friday, June 6, 2008.

A consummate social activist in a number of different areas, she positively influenced the lives of many women on a local level as well as world wide. She was involved in many Catholic organizations.

She held the office of president in the Blessed Sacrament Altar Society, the Toledo Diocesan Council Catholic Women and served as its president of the National Council Catholic Women 1960 - 1962.

She served 13 years of the Board of Trustees, University of Toledo, 7 of those as Vice-Chairman of the Board, a member of St. Vincent Medical Center Advisory Board for 11 years. She founded the Women's Cancer Education Council and was a past president of the Board of Trustees of Toledo Mental Hygiene Clinic.

Elizabeth was one of the Founding Members of the Toledo Opera Guild and Chairman of the the Sapphire Ball in 1965.

She was named by President John F. Kennedy to the Board of Directors of the American Freedom from Hunger Foundation, serving as its Vice-President.

She served as vice chairman of the Board of the Lucas County Mental Health from 1963 and is now an Honorary Life member. She has served on the board of the March of Dimes

In 1960 she received the Distinguished Citizenship Award from the Toledo Blade "for outstanding service to her community". A clinic in San Salvador for homeless mothers and children was named the Elizabeth Zepf Madonna Shelter.

In 1974 the Elizabeth Zepf Community Mental Health Center was opened by the Lucas Co. Mental Health board. In September 1988 the Satellites of the Medical College of Ohio honored her as one of the "Treasures of Toledo"

She was an honorary member 5 years of Family Child Abuse Prevention Center. She was a life long member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church as well as the Maumee River Yacht Club and the Toledo Club.

She is the widow of Arthur L. Zepf and is survived by her son Arthur Zepf, Jr. and grandsons, Kurt, Reilly and Arthur.

Friends may call at the Coyle Funeral Home 1770 S. Reynolds Road Tuesday 2-8 p.m. where a Scripture Service will be held at 7 p.m. The funeral will begin in the mortuary Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at 10 a.m. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery.