



Erma Jean Hughes

June 17, 1926 - October 29, 2020

Erma J. Hughes, age 94, of Toledo, OH, passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 29, 2020 surrounded by family. She was born to the late Austin and Alice (Perry) Merrill in Grace, Idaho. She had 8 brothers and sisters. She grew up in Preston, Idaho.

Erma retired after working 23 years at The University of Toledo in the College of Engineering. She was the administrative assistant for 4 Deans. She was President of the UT Rocket Toastmaster for 3 yrs. In 1988, Erma received an Outstanding University Woman Award. Her career also involved working for Dunn and Bradstreet and the US Navy.

Erma led a very full life. She loved her family deeply. Erma had many talents and she loved sharing these talents with others especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Those talents included painting and sketching pictures, writing poetry and playing the piano. She was very creative and artistic.

Erma was a life-long member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She was very devoted to her faith and served in many callings. She especially enjoyed directing the Roadshows for the Young Women. She also served as the president of the Young Women (MIA) and the primary organization.

Left to cherish her memory are her three daughters Kathleen Thatcher (David), Cynthia Soncrant (Mike), and Lori Logsdon (Pete), her sister, Geraldine Kofoed. She is also survived by 7 grandchildren, 8 great

grandchildren and 1 great, great grandchild. In addition to her parents and brothers and sisters, she was preceded in death by her son, Michael Phelan and her daughter, Julianne Rice.

The family wishes to thank all of those who cared for her at Genacross Lutheran Services (Wolfe Creek).

Due to COVID-19, a private viewing and memorial service will be held on Thursday, November 5th at the Coyle Funeral Home followed by the interment at Ottawa Hills Memorial Park in Toledo, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Toledo Missionary Fund at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1545 Eastgate Road, Toledo, OH 43614. Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Funeral

NOV 5. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services

1770 S. Reynolds Road

Toledo, OH 43614

(419) 865-1295

<https://www.coylefuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

LO

“ *Erma was my "Ohio Grand Mom." Not my grandmother by blood, but she loved me and my siblings dearly as if we were her own. I'm much older now, but I still have the letters she wrote me after my family moved out of Ohio. One of them began with "don't throw this away..." and I would never. I was a child then, but I know I didn't write her back as much as I should have. She talked about writing a children's book together. She had a plot and illustrations and wanted my help with the drafting to be "co-authors." I'm truly sorrowful I never got the chance. I still have the painting she made for me, and I remember a wire tree she let me pick out from her room of treasures at her house. I wish I had made it back out to Ohio to say goodbye. She is still loved and missed, and I hope she is resting peacefully.*

Loved - November 04, 2025 at 03:35 PM

PR

“ *Dear Cindy. My condolences to you and your family at the loss of your mother. I did not know that Erma had worked in Engineering, I would love to have met her. The College misses you both.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Patty Relue*

Patricia Relue - November 06, 2020 at 02:30 PM

MS

“ *Mrs.Rita R. Storm purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Erma Jean Hughes.*



Mrs.Rita R. Storm - November 02, 2020 at 04:17 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Erma Jean Hughes.*



November 02, 2020 at 11:33 AM



“ *One of the best... I've always admired her brilliance, her talent , her compassion for people , her love for animals, the quality time she spent on the weekends with the family and just hanging out if just watching TV. The long hours she worked everyday and dressed to the nines. The love she had for her family was unmeasurable. The pain she suffered laying flat on her back sometimes and never once did I hear her complain She was in my life a very long time and it hurts to say Good Bye but Heaven just got a little sweeter. Now she is with Mike and Juli once again , what a celebration! Rest In Peace beautiful lady you've completed your journey.*

Penelope Nino - November 02, 2020 at 11:11 AM



“ *Hello Cindy. I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. I do hope you have many fond memories of her over a lifetime to cherish.*

*Peace,
Martin Ohlinger*

Martin Ohlinger - November 02, 2020 at 11:02 AM