



Grace Campbell Potts

April 18, 1923 - July 2, 2019

Grace Campbell Potts, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and dear friend died on Tuesday, July 2, 2019. Grace was born April 18, 1923 to Kate and Hans Carstensen and named after her grandmother, Grace Tiffany Dana Stahl. She grew up in west Toledo on Sabra Road, attending Whittier Elementary and DeVilbiss High Schools. Grace married her best friend, Jack Campbell, during WWII on November 27, 1944 at Augsburg Lutheran Church. She supported the war effort at Cleveland Ordinance, part of Toledo Jeep. Grace was a Toledo Public Schools secretary, and hosted Toledo Visitors & Convention Bureau events. Active in Whittier Mother's Club, PTA, Westchester Dance Club, and Augsburg Church, she was also a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Englewood, Florida where she and Jack spent more than 20 winters. She maintained a very active social life with dancing, bridge, and weekend excursions with many great friends. She kept wonderful notebooks of their worldwide travel adventures and wrote "Grace's Story," treasured by her family.

Grace lived life to the fullest and knew how to have fun. She loved hosting family dinners anytime, enjoyed having a gang at the family cottage at Sand Beach and was always ready for a game of Wahoo. After 54 years of marriage, Grace's dear Jack died, and then son, Jake. Grace reinvented herself at 80 and married Mel Potts, who had also lost his spouse.

Grace was the spiritual anchor of the family and never missed the opportunity to offer grace at dinner. Her greatest desire was that God would watch over

her family and keep them safe and that each would continue to care for and love one another.

Preceding Grace's exit from earthly life were her Mama and Papa, sister Marian, brother Bobby, dear husband Jack, beloved son Jake, and second husband Mel. Left to cherish her memory are sons Richard Campbell, Stuart (Cyndi) Campbell; daughters Janet (Clint) Spevak, Joan (Greg) Bourdon; grandchildren Taylor (Dixon) Stoddard, Sarah (Saby) Sengupta, Laura, Briean and Cara Campbell, Jordan Lentz, Kate Lentz Rardin, Grace (Mike) Esser, Stephen and Jack Shallcross; nephew Scott (Elisabeth) Heacock, niece Gloria Heacock; and cousins Tony (Kathy) and Dana (JoAnn) Stahl.

Friends may call at 10:30 am Monday, July 22 at Epworth United Methodist Church at 4855 Central Ave., where a Memorial Service to celebrate Grace's beautiful life will take place at 11 am. Those wishing to provide a tribute might consider Epworth United Methodist Church or the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Please sign the guest registry at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall

NA

“ *She died before my 4th birthday she was my amazing great grandma she will be forever missed* 😞😞😞

Natalia - March 17, 2024 at 10:12 PM

VM

“ *Condolences to the entire family. Grace was a wonderful woman, and a good friend to my mom & dad. Len & Jean McLean. She will be missed by us all.*

Vicki McLean Rashleigh Meranuck - July 22, 2019 at 06:38 AM



“ *May my joy, happiness, and fond memories of growing up across the street from the Campbells serve to express my thoughts of caring to the you Rick, Stuart, Janet, and Joan. God be with you in a special way. Cindy Christen Sauppe*

Cindy Sauppe - July 21, 2019 at 11:42 PM

BP

“ *I knew Grace as a member of The Toledo Woman's Club. She was a gracious lady and easy to befriend. My sympathy to the family for their loss.*

Betty Paren

Betty Paren - July 21, 2019 at 04:24 PM

VC

“ My condolences Rick, Stu, Janet and Joan on the passing of your mother. I have fond memories of Grace even before we were related. Grace was always fun to be with. I'll always remember the many wonderful times our families had together, Thanksgivings at Graces were always a full day of eating and games and stories. I loved it when Grace would bring out her accordion. It was fun to watch you children grow and know you cousins were good friends. I remember Grace saying she wanted a big family and her heart was big enough to encompass them all. Grace was a good friend and confidant and I feel privileged to have had her as a friend..

Your loving Aunt Vava

Vava Campbell - July 21, 2019 at 02:20 PM

RC

“ Jane and I want to send our condolences to Rick, Stu, Sarah, Janet and Joanie on the passing of my loving Aunt Grace. She and Jack will always be strong figures in my memories of childhood with my Campbell family.

Although much time and many miles have been placed between Jane and me and the Toledo Campbell's I will never forget you mom and dad's visits to Boothbay Harbor, Maine and the wonderful thrill I had with Jack being on board for one of our giant Bluefin tuna catches. We would go out in all weather conditions because it was a tournament and sometimes I think Jack thought he was in the Pacific back in the 40's as sea conditions got pretty rough. We would leave the dock at first light and Grace would come down to the boat in a white silky nightgown carrying a fresh pot of perked coffee strong enough to put a hole in the bottom of the boat. Once fortified we'd be off for adventure.

Your mother was a very strong figure in our family and I cherish my memories of her.

Your loving cousin, Ron

Ron Campbell - July 21, 2019 at 12:36 PM



“ So sorry to hear of cousin Grace's passing. I was able to reconnect with her through my mom's bridge club and I'm glad I did. Such a nice, sweet person and fantastic bridge player. I will miss her. 💕💕

Terry Wilson - July 21, 2019 at 10:14 AM

DD

“ Grace was such a lovely person and the card group that she played "Hand and Foot" with is already missing her. We are her neighbors in the Westowne condo association. She always liked her coffee hot and was an excellent card player. Everyone wanted her as their partner. She is in our prayers. Ellie, Marge, Betty Jean, and Dorothy.

Dorothy Dunco - July 19, 2019 at 08:17 PM

JC

“ Sorry to hear about the passing of your Mom she was a very kind and gracious lady. You all have been so kind to our family during the passing of our Mom and Dad and we express our deepest sympathy. Our prayers will be with you in the next days, weeks and months as you process her loss. Sorry we will not be able to attend the service Monday.
Jeff & Pat Christen

Jeff Christen - July 19, 2019 at 04:28 PM

DJ

“ The Campbell clan certainly wins the prize for fantastic parents. We were so sorry to see Grace's obituary in today's paper. She had such a full life and enjoyed most of it along the way. She certainly left her mark on Toledo, and as I recall so much of what you all did at Start High School and thereafter, your parents schooled you well in being active and participating in so many varied activities. Thank you so much for all that you do!

Dr Richard St John - July 19, 2019 at 04:17 PM

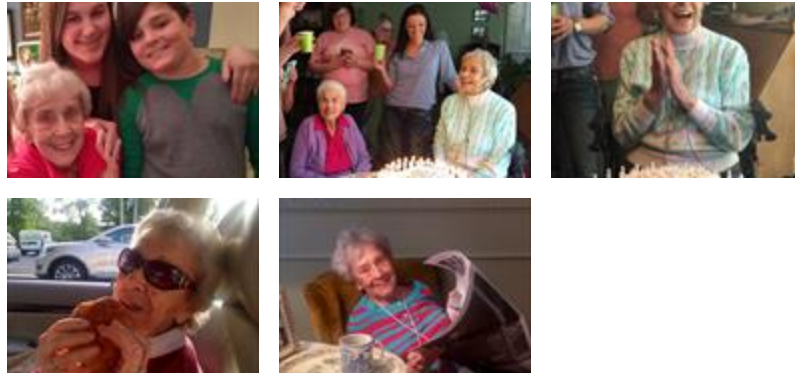
MM

“ So sorry for your loss, but WOW, what a lovely lady! You are all lucky to have had her in your lives for so long. Vicki Plant and Mike McMahan

Mike McMahon - July 19, 2019 at 10:37 AM

JS

“ 58 files added to the album Memories Album



Janet J Schroeder - July 18, 2019 at 09:18 PM

DG

*We loved seeing Grace at our office. Always warm, friendly and caring. She was a very positive women. It was wonderful to see her after she met and married Mel. They were a wonderful couple. We will miss her fun personality. Our best to Rick and family.
Dr Garber and Staff*

Dr. Garber - July 22, 2019 at 10:31 AM