



## Jacquelyn L Romano

September 30, 1934 - October 30, 2015

Jacquelyn L. Romano, 81, died peacefully at Ebeid Hospice on October 30, 2015. She was born September 30, 1934 to George and Irene (Gneiser) Sawade in Sylvania, OH. Jacquelyn graduated from Waite High School in 1952 and married the love of her life Dan Romano in 1954.

Jacquelyn worked for many years at both Toledo Public Schools and the University of Toledo Medical College as an employee benefits administrator. She was active with her children and their many activities in their school years.

Jacquelyn was a founding member of St. Joan of Arc Church, and a member of Stone Oak Country Club. She loved to play golf in Florida, and at Brandywine Country Club. She was at the inception of the Meals on Wheels program as one of the initial organizers and volunteers. Jacquelyn loved cooking, baking, working in her garden and yard. But her passion was the love she had for her children and grandchildren.

Her loved ones will always cherish her ability to bring family together, whether it was a holiday, special occasion or daily meal and make it a memorable experience. Jacquelyn's love of family was her legacy she left behind to be passed on to her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by her loving husband of 62 years, Dan Romano, Jr.; her children Rebecca (Randy) Romano Shapiro Minton, Daniel (Joanne) Romano III, and Nick (Amy) Romano; her grandchildren Myron (Elizabeth) Shapiro, Jacquelyn Shapiro, Daniel (Jessica) Romano IV, Andrea (Michael) Furey,

Matthew, Nicholas, Tiffani, Rebecca and Christopher Romano; great grandchildren Myron and Stella Shapiro, Daniel V and Peter Romano and Theodore Furey; brother in law Don Spear.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Sunday, November 1, 2015 from 2-8 p.m. with a Rosary service at 7 pm. The funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, November 2 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church; where the family will greet guests at 9:30 a.m. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Alzheimer's Association.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 1. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614  
(419) 865-1295  
<https://www.coylefuneralhome.com>

## Rosary Service

NOV 1. 7:00 PM - 7:15 PM (ET)

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## Funeral

NOV 2. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St Joan of Arc  
Toledo, OH 43614  
<http://joanofarc.org>

# Tribute Wall

“ Jacquelyn L. Romano (1934 - 2015) (News story)

*Jacquelyn L. Romano, a volunteer at the inception of Toledo's Meals on Wheels program and a benefits administrator for the Toledo Public Schools and the former Medical College of Ohio, died Friday in ProMedica Ebeid Hospice Residence in Sylvania. Mrs. Romano, 81, suffered from Alzheimer's disease, although the cause of death was uncertain, said her daughter, Rebecca Romano Shapiro Minton. Jacquelyn Romano was born in Sylvania on Sept. 30, 1934, to George and Irene Sawade and was a 1952 graduate of Waite High School.*

*Although she only had a high school diploma, her "drive to go beyond just clerical work" led her to the Toledo Public Schools, where in the early 1970s she worked as a benefits administrator. She was adept at handling details of insurance and other benefits for teachers and staff, her son, Daniel Romano III said. "She helped make sure people were enrolled and made sure they understood their benefits," he said. "She had a passion for helping people." Helping her with the thornier issues was her husband, Dan Romano, a private insurance executive, said her son Dan, who was a TPS treasurer during part of her tenure.*

*Mrs. Romano was recruited to a similar position at the former Medical College of Ohio, now the University of Toledo Medical Center. While at TPS, she was instrumental in computerizing the insurance process, and the medical college sought her out to help implement its system, her son said. "They had a very specific need, and she was recruited to help automate it," he said.*

*When the auxiliary to the Academy of Medicine of Toledo and Lucas County started Mobile Meals, she volunteered for the program, now Meals on Wheels. The program, which began in December of 1967, was run from St. Luke's Hospital, then in Toledo's Old West End. Her role "was organizing and doing a lot with the volunteers, getting the drivers," daughter Rebecca said. Mrs. Romano was an accomplished cook, although when she married her husband, Dan, in 1954, "she didn't know how to boil water," her son said. Marrying into an Italian family, which included Hungarian and German influences, changed that. "My grandmother and aunts were*

*amazing cooks," and the cooking tradition was passed on to her," son Dan said.*

*In retirement, she enjoyed golfing, primarily at Brandywine Country Club, near her home, and Stone Oak Country Club. She and her husband had a home in Fort Myers, Fla., where they pursued their passion for golf.*

*Surviving is her husband of 62 years, Dan Romano, Jr.; daughter, Rebecca Romano Shapiro Minton; sons, Daniel Romano III and Nick Romano; nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.*

*The funeral is at 10:30 a.m. today (Monday November 2, 2015) in St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, where she and her husband were founding members. The family will greet guests there one hour before Mass. Coyle Funeral Home is handling arrangements.*

*Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Association*

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**Blade** - November 02, 2015 at 01:34 PM

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“ Dan,  
Sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. Take solace in the fact that her suffering has ended. Take care old friend. Sincerely, Mark & Marisa

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**Mark Manthey** - November 01, 2015 at 12:25 PM

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**COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS** - November 01, 2015 at 08:35 AM

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“ *Your sister Shirley Breuer Loves you. Till we meet again!!*



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**Shirley** - October 31, 2015 at 07:51 PM