



## Joan Louise Neuser

February 18, 1923 - September 22, 2021

Joan O'Dwyer Neuser peacefully passed on to the fullness of life on September 22, 2021.

Born February 18, 1923, Joan was welcomed into the family of Catherine and Leo O'Dwyer. She and her twin sister, Patricia, and their older sister, Margaret Mary, grew up in the shadows of their Alma Maters, St. Ann's (now St. Martin de Porres) and Notre Dame Academy. It was here that their faith was nurtured and many life-long friendships were formed. In her senior year at Notre Dame Academy, Joan received the Bishop's Cross, a recognition presented to one student for demonstrating leadership in reflecting the Gospels and Christian values acquired through years of Catholic education. Joan went on to live a life of loving service to her family, her Church, her friends, and her community. She and her late husband, Paul Neuser, raised their six children in the Rosary Cathedral parish and Old West End neighborhood.

Joan served Rosary Cathedral Parish and School for many years as Eucharistic Minister, Religious Education and Christian Formation Ministries and as School Secretary for thirty years. After her retirement she volunteered in the Rosary Cathedral Pre-school program and for Heartbeat of Toledo. In 2009 Joan received The Central City Ministry Service Award for her long-time commitment and contribution to Catholic education and to the children of the central city.

Joan was a member and past president of the Notre Dame Academy Alumnae Association. She was a member of the Ursuline Associate Program and a

founding member of Bethany House. Joan never wavered in her loyalty as a Detroit Tiger Fan. At the age of 84, she and son, Mark, attended the Tigers/Yankees game that began at 11:06 p.m. after a four hour rain delay, ending in overtime at 3:30 a.m.! Joan returned home around 5:30 a.m., staying up to set the chapel altar at Rosary Cathedral in preparation for the 7:00 a.m. Mass. Joan enjoyed creating pressed flower stationary for others, attending spiritual retreats, and loved family gatherings, especially picnicking and walking along the shores of Lake Erie.

Joan is survived by her children, Ann Lederer, Therese (Rich Roman) Neuser, Kathleen Holmes, Carol (Phil) Toney, Mark Neuser, Mary (Jerry) Wilson. Joan is survived by grandchildren, Gabriel (Nicole) Percival, Lia Colapietro, Kristina (Jeff) Jones, Philip (Kristen Lee) Lederer, Cullen (Lindsay) Colapietro, Jesse Percival, Aislinn (Andy Grier) Colapietro, Nicholas (Lauren) Wilson, Kevan (Anna) Toney, Michael Wilson, Casey Toney, step grandchildren, Jennifer (Brian) Couling and Jeremy (Caleigh) Toney and 25 great grandchildren. Joan was pre-deceased by her parents, her husband, her sisters, Margaret Mary O'Dwyer, and Patricia O'Dwyer Danford, her son in law Al Lederer, and grandson in law Sam Misiura.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S Reynolds Rd on Friday October 8, 2021 from 3-7 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday October 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m at Our Lady, Queen Of The Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, 2535 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo, Ohio, 43610. Interment services will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Suggested donations: Our Lady, Queen Of The Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, Notre Dame Academy Scholarship Program, Bethany House or a charity of the donor's choice.

Please leave a condolence message for the family at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

2224 Dorr St.  
Toledo, OH 43607

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **8**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Mass

OCT **9**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Rosary Cathedral  
2535 Collingwood Blvd  
Toledo, OH 43610

# Tribute Wall

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“ I wanted to offer my condolences to Kathy and her Family. Your Mom was so kind when we were children at Rosary Cathedral. My maiden name was Margaret Daly (now Ostrowski). God Bless your family and give peace to your Mom’s soul.

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**Margaret (Daly) Ostrowski** - October 09, 2021 at 09:24 AM

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“ It may not be possible to find someone as kind and endearing as Joan. When she was Rosary Cathedral School’s secretary, she displayed such caring for the students, even for those who spent time in “the office”. Joan did not utter a negative comment, only concern, for the children. Joan’s faith was so deep and she demonstrated that through her every day actions. Her genuine caring for others was shown whenever you spoke to her. Joan asked more about you than she cared to speak about herself. She loved to hear me say that “ she was a sight for sore eyes” when she came to Mass and sat in the first pew with Mark. As each of her family members know, there is now a beautiful angel watching over you, May you rest in eternal peace, Joan, as you spend time with our Lord and all the saints in heaven.

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**Christine Keran** - October 08, 2021 at 07:21 PM

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**COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS** - October 07, 2021 at 11:05 PM

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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - October 07, 2021 at 03:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan Louise Neuser.



October 05, 2021 at 10:55 AM

DB

“ I will always remember how sweet and kind my Dear Aunt Joan was. She always had a smile on her face. Thanks for all the lunches. Rest in peace. Love Dianne

Dianne Banachowski - October 05, 2021 at 10:31 AM

MS

“ My fondest memories of Joan are found in the spiritual home where her faith was nurtured and lived out -- Rosary Cathedral. She was one who cared so deeply for the well being of others and her devotion to family and the Old West End community was inspiring. She was one who desired to stay current in spiritual development and faith formation. May she rest in peace.

Monsignor Charles E. Singler - October 05, 2021 at 04:44 AM

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“ So blessed to have had Joan Neuser as my dear Aunt Jo. So many memories. Growing up, she was a constant in my life and will be dearly missed. Recently I received an email from ancestry.com informing me of a match, possible mother it stated. Joan Neuser. As the identical twin of my mom, Aunt Jo's dna was the same as my mother's. It is with the same deep sadness that I mourn her passing yet rejoice in her joining her twin and countless loved ones in glory. Until we meet again. Love, Debbie

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**Deborah Tucker** - October 02, 2021 at 08:37 PM