



Judith Ann Keller

August 29, 1937 - April 4, 2026

Judy (Schlagheck) Keller, 88 years old of Toledo, Ohio, passed peacefully into eternal life on Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026, surrounded by her loving family and friends. With a deep and abiding faith, Judy was ready to meet Jesus and looked forward to being welcomed into heaven by Him, her beloved husband Virgil, her parents, and all those who preceded her in death.

She is survived by her children: Martin T. Keller of Sunny Isles, Florida; Monica J. Keller of Toledo, Ohio; and Maureen J. Meyer of Simpsonville, South Carolina. She was a proud and devoted grandmother to Kristen Carter, Angelica Long (Arya), Francis Keller, Peter Michael Rancatore, Jessica Rancatore, Augustine Rancatore, and Reagan and Mackenzie Meyer, and a cherished great-grandmother of Gabriel Carter and Carter Long.

Judy's life was a beautiful reflection of her love for God, her family, and her community. She remained active in her faith and attended church regularly until earlier this year, when her health limited attending mass in person.

Judy was a graduate of St Ursula Academy and earned her Bachelor's degree from Mary Manse College. She began her career as a teacher at Blessed Sacrament in the 1950s but then devoted herself to raising her family. After her children were grown, Judy found joy in helping others as a travel consultant with AAA for 25 years, delighting in planning memorable trips for families. She retired in 2005 to spend more time with her grandchildren, who were among her greatest joys.

Judy had many passions, including reading, painting, and gardening. She was

a frequent visitor to the Holland Branch Library and an active member of its book club. Judy majored in art in college and for many years, created her family's Christmas cards by hand, sharing her artistic gifts with those she loved. She especially enjoyed traveling with family including cruises, vacations to all 50 states in their motor home, hiking to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and visits to family in South Carolina and Florida-places that brought her great happiness. She also walked at the mall for over 15 years, where she built many wonderful friendships. Following a stroke in 2024, Judy found camaraderie and enjoyed time spent with others, who had also experienced a stroke, at The Stroke Life Center of Toledo. She attended weekly meetings, aquatic therapy, physical therapy, monthly dinners at local restaurants, and various activities/get-togethers for all stroke survivors and their caregivers. A lifelong servant to others, Judy was deeply involved in her community. Judy and Virg were charter members of Regina Coeli parish and were very active in a variety of services including Marriage Encounter and Altar & Rosary Society. In the 1970s, she served on the founding board of the Feed Your Neighbor program when it was introduced to Toledo, a mission that continues to serve those in need today. She was honored as one of the Outstanding Young Women of Toledo by the Junior Jaycees for her dedication to helping the underprivileged. Her family home was always a place of generosity, where food, clothing, and gifts were shared with others.

After moving to South Toledo in 2003, Judy became a devoted member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church on Hill Avenue. There, she served in the hospitality kitchen, helping provide hot meals and groceries to those in need. She was also a member of the Daughters of Mary and previously served with the Christ Child Society of Toledo, St. Francis de Sales High School Mothers Club, St. Ursula Academy Mothers Club, Central Catholic Mothers Club, St. Vincent Hospital Auxiliary, Riverside Hospital Auxiliary, and the Lutheran Home/Mercy Auxiliary in Williston, Ohio, the latter three all where Virgil had worked.

Above all, Judy cherished her role as a mother, grandmother, and great-

grandmother. She found her greatest joy in spending time with her family and creating lasting memories with them.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, Florence and Avery Schlagheck; her husband, Virgil Keller; her infant daughter, Maureen Keller; her grandsons, Peter Michael Rancatore and Augustine Thomas Rancatore; daughter-in-law, Joyce Keller; and son-in-law, Chad Meyer.

Visitation will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 6149 Hill Avenue, Toledo, on Saturday May 2, 2026 beginning at 8:00 a.m., with the Rosary to be prayed at 10:30. A Memorial Mass will follow at 11:00 a.m., with a luncheon immediately afterward from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Judy's life.

In lieu of flowers, Judy requested that donations be made to the Stroke Life Center of Toledo (www.strokelifecenter.org <<http://www.strokelifecenter.org>>) or The Tunnel to Towers Foundation (T2T.org <<http://t2t.org>>), or to a charity of your choice. Coyle Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Please leave a condolence message at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady Of Lourdes
6149 Hill Ave.
Toledo, OH 43615

Rosary

MAY 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MA

“*“Miss Judy” was the BEST teacher I ever had! I had her in 4th grade - her first year teaching. She taught us French, we did daily exercises (there was no gym period) and when she got engaged, we even had a bridal shower for her! She attended some of our BS Class Reunions and I frequently saw her walking at the mall. What a great, talented and generous lady! I miss her. Mary Martha (Ball) Arquette*

Mary Martha (Ball) Arquette - May 02 at 06:52 AM



“*I am so blessed that she was a part of my life and such a part of my family's world. She was an inspiration to all who were lucky enough to have crossed her path. She will be missed in this world, but we surely shall be with her in the next!*

Micki Erhart - May 02 at 01:22 AM

MA

Monica & Maureen - It was so nice meeting you and sharing the beautiful memories of Judy at Our Lady of Lourdes. Our lives have crossed many times, with Mary Ann Arquette teaching you, Monica, and Bob meeting you, Maureen, at Dana. Our prayers are with all of you.

Bob & Mary-Martha (Ball) Arquette

Mary-Martha (Ball) Arquette - May 02 at 09:04 AM

PE

“ 1 file added to the album *A Tribute to Judy Keller*



Peter - May 02 at 12:51 AM

KV

“ *What a beautiful obituary.. certainly a tribute to a beautiful life, a life lived with joy, purpose, faith, energy and a great big heart. Judy was a dynamo! I enjoyed volunteering with her and she always so very helpful and friendly at AAA. Judy touched many lives. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*
Kitsie Valiton

Kitsie Valiton - May 01 at 10:23 AM

KN

“ *KHANG NGUYEN & TRACY NGUYEN purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Judith Ann Keller.*



KHANG NGUYEN & TRACY NGUYEN - May 01 at 09:43 AM

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“ *KHANG NGUYEN & TRACY NGUYEN planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judith Ann Keller.*

KHANG NGUYEN & TRACY NGUYEN - May 01 at 09:43 AM

RR

“ It was my spiritual privilege and blessing to meet Judith and her family and provide comfort, abiding hope and encouragement as her journey here came to its end. Her artistic abilities were very much appreciated and enjoyed by me and helpful to her students. The abilities she had to combine her spirituality with a well honed aesthetic sensibility was a witness to the eternal connections between beauty and faith. The beauty of heaven is now fully known by her and her devotion to God will inspire me for as long as I live. May she rest forevermore in peace with all of those who have been waiting for her all these years.

My prayerful condolences to the family.

*Rev. Dr. Keith A. Rasey, M.Div. LNHA
Chaplain/spiritual care consultant
Ohioans Home Health and Hospice*

Rev. Dr. Keith A. Rasey - April 28 at 03:43 PM

BC

“ Sorry for your loss. We remember the good times when we were at the Community of the Risen Christ and we when had dinners together.

Betty and Terry Caldwell

Betty and Terry Caldwell - April 26 at 05:41 PM

SD

“ Beautiful picture of your Mother! She was a treasure and joy to work with. AAA was blessed by her and so was I. Grateful to have known your Parents. I know that they live on through each of you. Suzan and Sal Davie

Suzan Marie Davie - April 26 at 07:08 AM

JD

“ *Monica, Maureen, Marty, and Family,*

A mutual friend forwarded your Mom's obituary to me and I want to extend my deepest sympathy for your loss. Judy was a wonderful person and I consider myself privileged to have known her. The loss of a loving parent is a tough thing to endure which I know all too well myself; my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Peace with Christ

Joe Drabek



Joe Drabek - April 17 at 12:06 PM

LH

“ *Judy was a cherished member of the Stroke Life Center and a beautiful person inside and out. She brought warmth and joy to every gathering and was always a pleasure to spend time with. We are so grateful for the love and care Monica gave Judy, and for the support and energy Monica continues to bring to our Stroke Life Center family. Judy will be deeply missed.*

*With our deepest condolences,
Ken and Lisa Humphrey*

Lisa Humphrey - April 16 at 11:28 AM

RD

We met Judy walking the mall . She was an energetic organizer of mall walkers supplying donuts when she could. She had a kind spirit for all and her deep faith in God was very evident!. She and her friend Frank joined our dance group.... and will be missed! Our sympathies to her family!

Rev. Ron and Judy Diener

Rev. Ron and Judy Diener - April 16 at 12:46 PM

PC

Judy and Virg were our good friends from the time Virg and my husband Ken teamed up on a UT graduate school project. We just clicked. While we lived in Toledo, we shared family times together on picnics and even biking in the Metro Parks. When we moved to Mexico City, they were the only set of friends who took us up on our invitation to come and visit. Throughout the years, I have looked upon Judy as a special friend, one who needed only a few minutes to reconnect with and with whom I could always share joys and concerns. I cherish the memories we made together. My love and thoughts go out to the family -- Marty, Monica and Maureen, children and grandchildren.

*Wishing you peace,
Pat Chaloupek*

Patricia Chaloupek - April 19 at 10:33 PM