



Katherine M. Walsh

January 27, 1916 - January 7, 2012

Saturday afternoon January 7, 2012, Katherine Westmeyer Walsh 95 years old, died at home surrounded by her loving family.

Born and raised in the old South End, she remained a lifelong resident of Toledo and devoted member of Immaculate Conception parish. She was the daughter of Frank H. and Katherine Kelly Westmeyer, born January 27, 1916. Katherine attended Immaculate Conception grade school and graduated first in her 1934 class from St. Ursula Academy. She attended Mary Manse College and the University of Cincinnati studying Electrical Engineering, a rarity at that time. She worked at Wright Field, Dayton, during World War II as a radio engineering aide.

Foregoing a professional career she married Vincent C. Walsh in 1946 and devoted her life to raising a family. Totally non materialistic, Katherine worked tirelessly for her God, family and friends even continuing those close childhood friendships into her 90's.

She was always generous with her time and talents, volunteering with the Darby Players' theatrical group, serving as a Scout leader and coaching basketball. She choreographed and directed numerous theatrical and school programs. Katherine taught in different positions at Good Shepherd School and the Guadalupe Center.

In 1968 she authored the Centennial history of Immaculate Conception Church. Until her death she remained the matriarch and historian for the extended Westmeyer family. Her warm heart, healing hand, and unconditional love will always be cherished. She now has moved on to join her loving husband Vincent C. who died in 2005 after 59 years of marriage. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Francis, Bernard, Victor, Joseph, Richard, Louis and sister, Sister Francis Claire Westmeyer, O.S.U. She is survived by her children, Sheila I. Walsh, Vincent P. (Meng) Walsh, Mary Eileen Walsh, Joseph M. Walsh (Dr. Linda Klein) brother, Walter Westmeyer, all of Toledo. The grandchildren are Melissa, Stephanie, Aaron, Michael, Connor and Trevor Walsh. She is survived by numerous nephews, nieces, grand nephews and nieces.

Friends and family may call at Coyle Funeral Home at 1770 South Reynolds Road Tuesday 4-8 and Wednesday 2-8 where a scripture service will be held at 7:00 pm.

The family will receive friends Thursday beginning at 11 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian burial at Immaculate Conception Church at 1:00 pm with interment at Calvary Cemetery. The family extends a special thanks to Jane for her devoted care as well as the many Hospice workers and caregivers who were there in her declining years.

The family requests memorials in the form of a contribution to Immaculate Conception Church, St. Ursula Academy or Convent or Northwest Ohio Hospice Association.

Tribute Wall



“ Eileen, So sorry to read your mother has passed away. I always enjoyed coming over to your house and talking to your parents when both worked at Lasalle's###imported-begin##Chris Schwarz cs avonnc@bex.net###imported-end##

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“ We were so sorry that we could not make it to Toledo to celebrate the life of such a loving, giving Aunt. You children have been such a rich example of love in the tender care of your mom. Love to each of you. Frank & Angie###imported-begin##Frank & Angie fcwest5@hotmail.com###imported-end##

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“ Your mom quietly went about doing the many things that made her life so fulfilling. With warm thoughts of a life well lived...may she rest in peace.

You are all in my prayers as you lay this wonderful lady to rest.

Love,

Connie (Wisniewski) Gleave###imported-begin##Connie (Wisniewski) Gleave ConnieGleave@cox.net###imported-end##

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“ We met the Walsh family when Aunt Bertha worked with Eileen in the ladies’ handbag department of downtown LaSalle’s. An event that epitomized Mrs. Walsh’s deft intelligence, covering every subject imaginable, occurred when Bertha and Eileen were completing paperwork to return defective merchandise. One of the items was made of *peau de soie*, the aesthetically lovely but orthographically troublesome cloth whose French name neither knew how to spell. Eileen declared that her mother (who was in the hospital at the time) would know. Mrs. Walsh was called and spelled *peau de soie* from her hospital bed.

I remember Mrs. Walsh (always in a dress) as a sort of good-natured, occasionally harried, scoutmaster, presiding over the perpetual salon that was her home—ever filled with soft classical music, husband and children, and friends. Academic subjects and lively discussion were always the order of the day, and Mrs. Walsh who knew absolutely everything about anything filled her natural role of teacher, provided moral direction (my skirt was too short—it really was), cooked and served wonderful food (too much cinnamon in the dessert? Oh well, Vincie Pat likes cinnamon), and made you feel so welcome, glad that you were there, and glad to be alive.

I can’t imagine that another human being could ever be blessed with Mrs. Walsh’s breadth of knowledge, selfless helpfulness, and down-to-earth kindness.

*Her Maker must have at last needed to know how to spell *peau de soie*.##imported-begin##Susan (Cortes) Macrorie##imported-end##*

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“ We were so sorry to hear of Eileen's passing, my father who passed away two years ago this coming April thought very highly of Eileen. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Joseph R. Ryan##imported-end##

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“ I will always cherish my memories of my wonderful Aunt Katherine, and my Uncle Vincent, and all the good times shared with my cousins in the Walsh family. I am very sorry I will not be able to attend the services this week. I wish peace for all who knew and loved Katherine, I know I do. Love always.##imported-begin##Kevin Shawn Westmeyer##imported-end##

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“ Sheila & the Walsh family:

My sincere condolences on the passing of your mother. You were blessed to have her all of these years.##imported-begin##Armand D. Gravel (Darby 64) armandgravel@aol.com##imported-end##

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“ What a joy to take care of, and such an honor to help serve.##imported-begin##Jessica Marquis##imported-end##

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“ Dear Walsh extended family

I would like to extend my condolences to you on the loss of your family matriarch Katherine.

She was one of a kind and I couldn't help smile as I read her obituary knowing how devoted to her family and community she was and what a very joyous person she was with everyone she met.

sincere condolences,

John Victor Rush###imported-begin##John Victor Rush victorrush@yahoo.com###imported-end##

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“ Eileen, What a glorious life to celebrate! Your dedication to your mom over the years is an inspiration - God bless as you and your family as you honor your mother's life.###imported-begin##Sharon Serres###imported-end##

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“ Aunt Katherine was such fun to visit with. She always had a smile and a story to share, and a zest for life. I loved when she would dance with all of us as kids, at the weddings too! She sure loved her family and we all felt it.###imported-begin##Anne and Mike Norman anorman@sunshine.org###imported-end##

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