



## Kathleen C. Kitchen

October 29, 1922 - September 13, 2014

Kathleen Cronin Kitchen of Toledo, passed away Saturday September 13, 2014 in Flower Hospital. Born in Chicago, Illinois to Patrick and Mae Cronin, she graduated from St. Scholastica High School in Chicago. She met her husband to be, Ralph James Kitchen, US Navy, at a USO dance in Chicago. They married in Salisbury, Maryland in 1944. They lived in Galesburg, Illinois and eventually moved to Toledo, Ohio where she worked at the former Lion Store for many years. A staunch democrat, Kathleen was a member of Christ the King Church and the Choral Society, under Sam Szor. A positive force of nature, she yearned for fun and adventure and loved to travel, see new places, and learn about different cultures. She loved animals and literature, and delighted in plants and gardening. As a patron of the arts, she enjoyed attending the symphony and concerts at the zoo, as well as the Toledo Museum of Art. Even into her 80s she did not hesitate to grab a girlfriend or family member to take a road trip to see a rock show. Her humor, wit, kindness, curiosity, and vivacious nature will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her husband Ralph J.; brothers Myles and Bob Cronin and sister Mary Cronin. She is survived by her daughters Joan Kitchen and Maryl (Dennis) McCann and son Patrick (Laura) Kitchen; brother Ted (Mille) Cronin; grandchildren Megan Mattimoe, Kelly Mattimoe, Eileen McCann, Katie (Tim) Rau, Conor (Megan) McCann and Sean McCann; great-grandchildren Serra and Jade McMahan; and many loving nieces and

nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

There will be no visitation and interment will be private. Memorials may take the form of contributions to AO: Advocating Opportunity (a non-profit organization which assists human trafficking victims), 1119 Adams St., Toledo, Ohio 43604 or to St. Joseph's Indian School, 1301 North Main Street, Chamberlain, SD 57325. Flowers may be sent to Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, Ohio 43614. Please view and sign the guest registry at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Kay, as we knew her, was forever cheerful and always ready to have a good time.*

*She was a member of our Over 50 Group at Christ the King Church, and she*

*will be missed. My sympathy to all her family and friends.*

*Sincerely,*

*Mitzi Staskiewicz*

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