



Laura Genette Collum

September 18, 1922 - March 2, 2022

Laura Genette Collum, age 99, of Toledo, passed away on March 2, 2022 at Elizabeth Scott Community where she resided.

She was born to George and Georgia (Harrison) Bly in West Unity, OH. Laura married the love of her life, Joseph Collum, while he was on leave from the military, on July 25, 1945 and together they raised two children. She attended business college and then spent her career working for various companies before she worked at the corporate offices for White Tower Restaurant, until the time of her retirement. In their later years, Laura and Joe enjoyed almost three decades traveling the country together in their RV with their dog. On their 25th anniversary, they went to Europe and purchased a motorcycle and used it to travel throughout England and Wales. They also loved square dancing and getting together with friends.

Laura was preceded in death by her loving husband, Joe; her parents; brothers, Earl (Dorothy), Ed (Ruth) and Paul (Priscilla Bardwell) Bly. She is survived by son, James (Linda) Collum; daughter, Connie (Ken) Billmaier; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Monday, March 14th from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the Funeral Service at 1:00 p.m. Interment to follow at Restlawn Cemetery.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the nurses and aides at Elizabeth Scott Community and Hospice of Northwest Ohio for their compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may take the form of contributions to Hospice of Northwest Ohio or to the Veteran's of Foreign Wars of the U.S. Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Restlawn Memorial

3665 Genoa Rd
Perrysburg, OH 43551

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Ceremony

MAR 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KD

“ *Connie and Family,
Sorry to read of the loss of your mom. My favorite story of your mom was how she said your dad always made it over to her side of the bed after falling asleep every night. She would simply (!?!) get up, walk around the bed, and get in the other side before she ended up on the floor. That story still makes me smile. Knowing your mom for a short time, I suspect it was true. She was a delightful lady.
Kathy*

Kathy (Vicary) Douglas - March 11, 2022 at 09:39 AM

CO

Thanks Kathy! That means the world to me. I was so sorry to hear that Mark is no longer with us. Hope you are doing well.

conniebillmaier - March 11, 2022 at 04:22 PM

HG

“ *To Laura's Family, I am sure glad they put me at the same table as Laura when I got to Elizabeth Scott. I was the only man with three ladies. We got to be good friends, I used to go back to the Nursing Home to see her. My two daughters enjoyed Laura also. I got the COVID 19 in July 2020, they took me to St Luke's in an ambulance, I never went back there. Bucher's couldn't decide if they wanted me back so my son and wife took me to live with them, I'm still here. I'm glad I got to meet all of you her family. Hal Griffin*

Hal Griffin - March 10, 2022 at 07:17 PM

CO

Hal, we all consider you as a member of the family. Thanks for all you did for Mom.

conniebillmaier - March 11, 2022 at 04:25 PM

BL

“ We worked at White Tower restaurant 's office for many years. I was your summer replacement ... you took the time off to be with Connie and Jim when they were out of school. Needless to say I was hired full time. You became my second mom and I love you. You and Joe let me live in your duplex cheap,you took care of my dog when I was on vacation and was my lifelong friend..
You are in my heart and I will never forget you
Love you, Beverly

Beverly' Lantz - March 10, 2022 at 11:37 AM

CO

Bev, Mom loved working with you and Helen. Thanks for keeping up with her until she was called Home. You were a true friend.

conniebillmaier - March 11, 2022 at 04:30 PM

BM

“ *Laura was my other mom. When mom and dad, Joe, Connie and I would go on vacations. Playing cards, traveling, and oh so many others I cherished when I would visit her with my cousin Sally. Many conversations on the phone over the last 19 years. She will be in my heart.*

Bonnie Peugeot Meadows - March 09, 2022 at 06:53 PM

CO

Your mother was one of Mom's oldest and best friends. My memories of you and your family go back forever! Now your Mom and Dad are with my Mom and Dad again.

conniebillmaier - March 11, 2022 at 04:34 PM

LB

“Corky and I enjoyed our Sunday visits with Aunt Laura, We learned so much more than we had already known about her, Earl, Ed and Paul's young life. So many interesting stories, some happy. some filled with hardship and sadness. Her and Joe's trips in their Airstream. Many trips out west and a lot of other states in the U.S. The pandemic took away a year of visits, but we were happy when we could visit again. She was the nicest and most sincere and honest woman. She was well liked at Elizabeth Scott and by all of her family members. Thank you, Aunt Laura for the conversations and stories, We will cherish the memories. When we got ready to leave our visits she would tell us thank you and that she appreciated us coming to see her and then she would tell Corky, "he better behave himself". Gotta love that! She will be missed. We love You, Aunt Laura, Linda and Corky

Linda Bly - March 09, 2022 at 02:12 PM

CO

Mom loved you like her own, and she should have. We were so blessed that Mom had family nearby who were so attentive to her. We cannot never thank you enough for the way you enriched her life

conniebillmaier - March 11, 2022 at 04:41 PM

DF

“Doris Taylor and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Laura Genette Collum.



Doris Taylor and Family - March 08, 2022 at 04:51 PM

CD

“ To Laura's family,
We have wonderful memories with Laura and her family from growing up. I saw her with My Mother about 5 years ago and she was the same pleasant, sweet person I had always remembered. Such a good listener and so easy to talk with. She was of the greatest generation I'll have ever known in my lifetime. I know she was very loved by her family. Connie and I have reconnected over the last couple years which is a very valued relationship. We would share stories of our Mothers and send Messages to each of them from the other. I will miss that. Hopefully, we can still find other valuable ways to connect. I'm sure we can. Our Mothers grew up together so they had a lot of history. Laura and her Husband used to stop by my Mother's house in the summer and talk of their wonderful adventures. They were enjoying life. A life well lived for sure. We are offering our deepest heartfelt sympathy to the family.



The family of Doris Taylor,
Written by Carol Dreyer
for Harry Dreyer
Cheryl Purk,
Tony Purk and Ms.Kennedy Purk

Carol L Dreyer - March 08, 2022 at 03:15 PM

CO

I value our reconnection as well and was so glad when we found each other again. You're family! I have great memories of hanging with you and your sister when I was young, and your Mom is a treasure. I look forward to seeing you and Harry in the future. Thanks for your kind words and lovely gift

conniebillmaier - March 11, 2022 at 05:02 PM