



## Leanell Emma Staton

February 11, 1929 - May 9, 2020

Emma Leanell Staton “Nell” was born to Ethel Gay (Bender) Sandy and William Howard Sandy on February 11, 1929 in Webster Springs, West Virginia and passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side on Saturday, May 9, 2020.

Nell was raised in the hills of West Virginia, the youngest of six children raised by her mom who was widowed at an early age. A strong faith in Christ was instilled in her from the very beginning. In her youth, she enjoyed attending church and singing in the choir. She was a state champion tap dancer in her teens and captain of her basketball team.

Nell met her husband to be Delmas Staton as he stepped from the bus dressed in his Marine blues returning from his tour in WWII. They were married on March 23, 1946, and relocated to Ohio soon after. Nell was a lifelong member of Calvary (Calvary Assembly of God) Church. Together they had 14 children, losing 2 sons in infancy. She was widowed on February 23, 1984.

Love found Nell (L.W.) for a second time when she met James A. Smith Sr. They were married in January 2005, and he added seven siblings to the family, (James Jr., Paul, Kim, Cindy, Kenneth, Stacy and Tammy). Dad Jim was her best friend, travel companion and soul mate.

Nell was preceded in death by her parents, first husband Delmas Staton, daughters; Nancy Sutton, Linda Brossia and her second husband James A. Smith Sr., her siblings Mary Rose, John, Wilfred, Leon and Milfred Sandy, and

nephew Steve Sandy.

She is survived by her 10 children, John (Sharon), James, Michael, David, Dennis, Roger (Marina), Joy, and Melody Staton, Tammy (Kevin) Tucker, Kimberly (Randy) Martin, and son in law Richard Sutton. Her 7 step children (and spouses), 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren also survive, along with many nieces and nephews who lovingly called her Aunt Nellie.

Services will be private on Friday May 15, 2020 from 10 -1 p.m. at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, Ohio with a graveside service at Ottawa Hills Memorial Park immediately following.

We are limiting in person gatherings at Coyle Funeral Home but we will be Live Streaming Nell's Funeral. For those wishing to join us to celebrate Nell's life via Live Stream please click here (<https://vimeo.com/event/49840>) to attend Nell's Funeral Via Live Stream.

For those of you wishing to let the family know you will be attending Nell's service please register here (<https://calendly.com/consoleum/nell-staton-funeral>).

Registering for the service will both help the family know who attended as well as providing the opportunity for technical support, if you should need any, before and during the service.

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

# Cemetery Details

## **Ottawa Hills Memorial Park**

4210 W Central Ave  
Toledo, OH 43606

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ I called you Mama from the bottom of my heart. I am thankful for being accepted as your own. I am thankful for your son, my husband, for your shared stories and recipies. Thank you for making me be part of your family and most for love you shared with everyone. With love and tender memories you'll be always in our hearts 💕  
Marina



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Roger Staton - May 15, 2020 at 01:33 PM

MN


“ The scriptures tell us that Love is the greatest gift of all. Aunt Nellie gave that gift every minute of every day to everyone she was with. No matter how many or how long we were running around the house , sometimes getting under foot, her love for each of us was her dominate quality. Loosing one's mother is one of the greatest sorrow we may ever know, but the memories of such a grand lady, will bring a smile to our face and love in our heart. Aunt Nellie will always remain a grand lady.  
May we all remember the gift she gave us and share it with all we meet.

love and prayers Mary Lee Staton McElyea

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Mary Lee McElyea { niece} - May 15, 2020 at 11:21 AM

RS

“ As sad day today is as it precious because today we celebrate your life! Your legacy will live in hearts of your children and grand, grand grandchildren for generations to come. Mom, Thank you for my life, thank you for all you taught me in it. Marina says that I am a good story teller, its only because there many to share. I love you more than words can express. For me you are always and forever young at heart, in my . I am not saying goodbye. I'll see you sometime.



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**roger staton** - May 15, 2020 at 10:45 AM

GF

“ Gary & Sue Bucher and family purchased the Precious Moments - Praying Angel” Resin Music Box for the family of Leanell Emma Staton.



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**Gary & Sue Bucher and family** - May 14, 2020 at 11:34 AM

SB

“ Leanell was a dear soul, a precious friend, and a beautiful prayer warrior. She loved the Lord and she loved me as if I was yet another daughter of hers. She will be greatly missed and I am thankful to have many cherished memories of our visits together.

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**Susan M. Bucher** - May 14, 2020 at 08:53 AM

CS

“ I used to stay at Aunt Nell’s and uncle Delmys house a lot and I can’t recall one time with all of the kids she’s had underfoot, not one time do I ever remember her raising her voice. She had just a beautiful smile and the kindest look in her eyes every time I was ther . To all my cousins you have my deepest sympathy for such a great loss. I love you all Carl

Carl Staton - May 13, 2020 at 08:28 PM

CR

“ I will always remember her smile and laugh. She always received Chris and I so warmly as part of the family. I was also touched by the care and loving bond she had for Jimmy. Most of all for raising my most wonderful friend Tammy.

Chris Ray - May 13, 2020 at 11:07 AM

NA

“ I loved the hugs as we would greet one an another at Calvary. Her smile and Jim’s were always so contagious. Blessings to your whole family at this wonderful and very sorrowful time. Nancy Wilkerson

nancy - May 13, 2020 at 08:33 AM

JM

“ What a WONDERFUL WOMAN OF GOD!!!  
What a blessing you are to many. In our hearts and memories you will remain. I so enjoyed listening to the family stories, to see your eyes light up as you shared. I learned so much from you.. Thank you!! I LOVE you, and the promise we have, is we will one day be together again.

Jenny Staton Miller - May 13, 2020 at 06:31 AM

PJ

“ God Bless Nellie. May she rest in peace. Her children were blessed to have her for 91 years. My brother & I played with all the kids while our mother's visited in the kitchen just about every Friday night. Nellie was married to my Mom's cousin. I have many fond memories of those days & have thought about her & all the cousins over the years. She has earned a special place in heaven, she was a great lady. I'm sending prayers to all of her devoted family. I'm sure my Mom Doris was happy to see her again. Love, Pam Connell Jankowski

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**Pamela Jankowski** - May 13, 2020 at 12:45 AM

JF

“ As a young kid I was always at her house loved being around her and the family she will be missed she is now with all who has gone on before her rest now untill we see each other again

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**Judy Staton Fields** - May 12, 2020 at 11:56 PM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Leanell Emma Staton.



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May 12, 2020 at 04:23 PM

TA

“ I will always have such loving and caring memories of my step momma. She certainly was one of a kind & so blessed she and dad shared their lives together, We got to blend our families which was filled with love, joy and of never a dull moment when all siblings were home for gatherings. Nell taught me early on as a young teen how to hold myself as a young lady. I am forever grateful. I will not ever forgot the love she showed me on a daily basis and how she treated me as one of her own. I will always continue to welcome her children as my brothers and sisters. She will forever be in my memories and heart. I now have peace knowing you are where you have wanted to be, I can look at your pictures that have been on my mantel of her & dad knowing he's got his "LW" back. You are truly an Angel, I love you and will miss you beautiful 😇  
Tammy

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Tammy - May 12, 2020 at 02:00 PM