



Marian J. Lowe

May 6, 1928 - February 1, 2025

Marian Jean (Jennings) Lowe was born on May 6, 1928, to Thomas Vern and Helen (Keller) Jennings. She was born in Defiance County, Ohio in the Jennings family home at St. Michael's Ridge. She died February 1, 2025, at the Franciscan Care Center, Toledo.

She began school at St. Michael's Ridge Parish and then after the family moved to Toledo attended St. Patrick's (now the Historic Church of St. Patrick) grade school. She went to Scott High School during the years of World War II. She worked as a waitress at Kewpee's restaurant and at Tiedtke's Department Store in the bakery. Working in a store enabled her to buy items which were scarce during WWII such as cigarettes and nylons for family members. She remembered VJ Day as Tiedtke's owner told the clerks to take whatever baked goods they wanted, give away all the rest, close up and go home. She said it wasn't easy to get home as the streets were filled with people celebrating and sailors on street corners wanting to kiss as many girls as possible.

After her two older children were in school, she fulfilled her lifelong dream of going to beauty college and becoming a hairdresser. She graduated from Warner's Beauty College in 1958. She worked at Thelma's in Sylvania and then Miracle Miss at Miracle Mile. For many years she owned and operated her own beauty salon, MarianLee Hairstylists, with her sister Lee in Toledo's south end. For a time, she was an instructor at MaChere Beauty College. During her years as a hairdresser, she was active in the National

Hairdressers' and Cosmetologists' Association, often traveling to Detroit and New York City, learning the latest styles such as the short-lived Beehive style and the Poodle Cut. She held offices in the Toledo and state of Ohio NHCA affiliates.

She was active in Eagles 197 Auxiliary on Jackman Road. She held many offices over time and performed as a drummer on the championship drill team, competing throughout the United States at annual Eagles' conventions. At the Eagles she met Jim Lowe and found true happiness. Unfortunately, he passed away suddenly at age 52. She remained a widow for the rest of her life.

She realized another dream in her 60's in earning her GED and enrolling at the University of Toledo. She proudly graduated in 1985, no small part due to the excellent counseling of her advisor, the late Dorothy Petee. She was a fine arts major and loved her art classes. She often mentioned Dr. Wilson's history class where they studied World War II. Although college studies were challenging in the beginning, she made Dean's list several times in her last semesters.

At an age when most are thinking of retiring, she began a career as a state of Ohio employee, working at the Ohio Lottery. Based in the Toledo office, she traveled the rural roads of Northwest Ohio on her lottery route. She received recognition as an outstanding employee for signing up the most agents. Her last job was as a travel counselor at Ohio Department of Transportation's travel information center on Interstate 75 near Bowling Green.

Throughout her working years she still managed to find time to volunteer in the community. She spent many a Monday (her day off) cutting, shampooing, setting, and perming the hair for the residents of the Lucas County Old Folks Home and the Little Sisters of the Poor Home. During her later years she sang in the choir at St. Patrick's on Sundays and in the Funeral choir at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Sylvania. She was a proud member of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians of Lucas County. She was active in her son-in-law Mike Collins' successful campaign for Mayor of Toledo.

She resided in Sylvania, Ohio, living independently with the support of family.

Her niece, Helen Brywczynski, stayed many nights with her, making it possible for her to remain at home.

Marian was a proud mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother. She was preceded in death by her husband James J. Lowe and her brother Thomas L. Jennings and his wife Nancy and sister Leota Reihing and her husband Everett. She is survived by her three daughters: Sandy Drabik Collins, Cindy Drabik McFarland (Frank), and Wendy Ondrus Debian; her grandchildren Jennifer Case and Frank McFarland, Jr; her great grandchildren Kayleigh Stokes (Justin) and Phoebe Potter; her great great grandchildren Jordyn and Jayleigh Stokes, niece Helen Brywczynski (Bob), nephew Thomas Jennings, Jr (Suellen) as well as great nieces and great nephews.

The family would like to thank the staff and caregivers of the Franciscan Care Center for their kind and loving care during her three-week stay.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Sunday, February 9 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. with a Scripture Service at 4:30 . The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, February 10 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Sylvania at 10:00 a.m. The Funeral Mass will be livestreamed at <https://www.stjoesylvania.org/livestream> Burial will be at Toledo Memorial Park. Please leave a condolence message at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Toledo Memorial Park

6382 Monroe St
Sylvania, OH 43560

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 9. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Vigil

FEB 9. 4:30 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Mass

FEB 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph (Sylvania)
5373 Main St
Sylvania, OH

Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Marian J. Lowe.*



February 07, 2025 at 05:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marian J. Lowe.

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“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marian J. Lowe.*



February 07, 2025 at 09:15 AM



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KC

“Marian was my friend, my pal. Thank you Sandy, Wendy and Cindy for sharing her with me. I see her High Level Bridge art everyday. The art makes me smile. Thinking of all of you. Kate

Kate Callahan - February 06, 2025 at 09:54 PM

TF

“The Tarquinto Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Marian J. Lowe.



The Tarquinto Family - February 06, 2025 at 02:59 PM

RC

“Rodney and Anna Click purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marian J. Lowe.



Rodney and Anna Click - February 05, 2025 at 11:23 PM

RC

“Rodney and Anna Click planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marian J. Lowe.

Rodney and Anna Click - February 05, 2025 at 11:23 PM



“So sorry to hear about your mom. I have many good memories of your mom growing up. Carol Love

Carol A. Love - February 05, 2025 at 11:17 PM

JE

I will never forget our "short, but sweet" conversations after 6:45 am Masses at St. Joseph's Daily Mass Chapel, years ago.

Jack Edwartoski

Jack Edwartoski - February 08, 2025 at 01:50 PM

KM

“*To Sandy, Cindi, Wendy and your families, My deepest condolences. Marion will sure be missed. I enjoyed many conversations with your mom she had many jems of wisdom for me. I last spoke with her at the end of November when I was there visiting with Helen and Wendy. She looked great and was upbeat that evening, as we talked about things going on she said to me this saying.. good,better, best, never let it rest till the good is better and the better is best. It was so nice to see her and I will miss her too. Our birthdays were in the same month so I would always remember it. My moms too. She knew my mom and she had some good stories for me about my mom. I'm so glad that Helen was my friend as well as Wendy thats how I was able to spend time with Marion. Love to all of you. Kim miller*

Kim Miller - February 04, 2025 at 08:32 PM

DK

“*Sandy, Cindy and Wendy... I'm so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was a sweet person and you were all blessed to have her in your lives for such a long time.*

David Karmol - February 03, 2025 at 06:00 PM

DW

“ so sorry for your loss



deborah wallace - February 03, 2025 at 01:55 PM

SD

Sorry for your loss! Prayers for you all. Walter and Sandra Deeds

sandra Deeds - February 03, 2025 at 03:21 PM

RC

Sandy, I know how much you enjoyed being around your mother. We are so sad that she is gone. Please accept our deepest sympathies.

Rodney Click - February 05, 2025 at 11:20 PM