



Mary Ann Reuss Silka

August 11, 2015

Mary Ann Reuss Silka, 62, passed away Tuesday, August 11 at Mercy Regional Heart & Vascular Center due to complications from cardiac issues. Born to Henry & Ann Reuss, she was raised in St. Charles Borromeo parish, & graduated from McAuley High School, & the University of Toledo. Mary Ann started working for the Toledo Lucas County Public Library in 1968, working in Children's Room at Main Library in downtown Toledo. Her 35-year career with the library brought her to West Toledo branch (where she met Ed, husband of 39 years), Reynolds Corners, & finally to Sanger Branch, where she retired in 2004. As a children's librarian, hundreds of young people went to "Story Time" & Summer Reading Club to enjoy books, songs, crafts, games, & puppet shows. In her retirement, "Mrs. Silka" briefly worked as a Home Instructor for Toledo Public Schools. Mary Ann loved to work with her hands, whether it was sewing handbags, quilting, gardening, & just "being crafty". She loved to entertain, whether it was Thanksgiving for six or a giant birthday party for 75. She was a parishioner at St. Pius X parish & most recently St. Patrick of Heatherdowns, singing in the choir & decorating the church for holidays.

Preceded in death by her parents, Mary Ann is survived by her husband, Ed Silka, daughter Molly Silka, brothers Bob Reuss (Pam) of Newport News, VA, Tom Reuss (Mary Therese) of Toledo, brother-in-law Bill Silka (Chris) of Toledo, brother-in-law Mike Silka (Marti) of Frankfort, IL, & many nieces, nephews, & cousins.

Funeral services will be celebrated Saturday, August 22nd at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Parish, 4210 Heatherdowns Blvd. Toledo, with visitation starting at 9:00AM & Mass at 10:00AM. In lieu of flowers, consider memorial contributions to The Toledo Zoo or charity of the donor's choice.

Thanks to the medical staff at Mercy Regional Heart & Vascular Center for their unwavering support & great care for the last 3 weeks. Please view and sign the guest registry at coylefuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **22**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Church

Memorial Service

AUG **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Church

Tribute Wall

KJ

“ *I was so saddened to learn of Mary Ann's passing on the McAuley Alumnae blog. I taught her at McAuley and remember a beautiful, happy and smiling face. I would run into her sometimes at the Reynolds Corner library ... still smiling, such a lovely woman. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy. May she rest in peace.*
Karen Gwynne Jankowski

Karen Gwynne Jankowski - September 29, 2015 at 08:17 PM

RB

“ *Dear Ed and Molly...*
So very sorry to hear of Mary Ann's passing. May your memories bring you comfort. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Asking God's blessings on you and your family.
Love,
Dick and Val Brazeau

Richard & Valerie Brazeau - August 24, 2015 at 09:58 AM

SC

“ *To Ed and Molly..I worked with Mary Ann at the library in the 1970's and 1980's.*
What an awesome librarian, so full of creativity and so inspiring to children. Always fun. Molly, she was so proud of you. May your memories comfort you. Mary Ann was a library legend, and we will remember her always. Sue Coburn

Susan Coburn - August 22, 2015 at 01:55 PM



“ *Garden To Go Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Reuss Silka.*



August 21, 2015 at 11:25 AM



“ *Ed & Family, so sorry to hear of your loss... May you find peace & comfort in the memories you shared... Donna Roach*

Donna Roach - August 21, 2015 at 12:35 AM



“ *I first met and worked with Mary Ann at West Toledo Branch Library and then at Reynolds Corners where our professional lives crossed again. She was truly a wonderful and fun-loving lady. Ed and Molly, you and the world have lost a very talented and great woman. I did not see her much in our retirement years but when I did it was like we just saw each other yesterday. I always enjoyed talking and joking with her. I will miss her terribly. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this sad time.*

David Harris

David Harris - August 20, 2015 at 05:30 PM



“ *Molly, our thoughts and prayers are with you. It is so hard to lose someone this way. Please know that we are praying for you and your mom.*

Barb & Jim Hankenhof - August 18, 2015 at 10:40 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Reuss Silka.*



August 18, 2015 at 08:34 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Reuss Silka.*



August 17, 2015 at 12:39 PM



“ *Dear Ed and Molly, my deepest sympathy to you both on Mary Ann's passing. She was a wonderful children's librarian as well as a generous person who brought out the best in those around her. She loved you both so much. I know that this is a tremendous loss for you and your family. Take comfort in the love and support of the many people who knew and loved Mary Ann.*

Mary Koslovsky

Mary Koslovsky - August 17, 2015 at 09:48 AM

SM

“ To Mary Ann's family, I am so sorry to hear of her loss. I will keep all of you in prayer as you go through this transition in your lives. I don't think there is a member of McAuley Class of '71 who does not have fond memories of the time we spent with her during our high school years. May the light of her love continue to shine through each of you.

Sandy Mercurio - August 17, 2015 at 07:34 AM

PM

“ Ed and Molly/Family Members: Bob and I are very sorry to hear of Mary Ann's passing. We know these are difficult times for you both. May the peace and the smiles of the memories you will carry with you, sustain you both in this sorrowful time. God's blessing to you both. Pam/Bob Mitchell-----"Her deviled eggs were the best" :).



Pamela Mitchell - August 16, 2015 at 03:55 PM

ES

thanx Pam i glad you are aware of Mary Ann's passing

ed silka - August 16, 2015 at 06:03 PM

JT

Condolences to Ed and Bill and their families...hope she is dancing the polka in heaven with your mom...

John Thomas - August 17, 2015 at 06:42 AM

ES

thanx

ed silka - August 18, 2015 at 05:19 PM

MZ

“ Mary Ann was one of a kind - I'm sure she had her moments, but she always seemed to have a smile for everyone and could make a funny story out of everything. I enjoyed working with her at the library and seeing her out and about after her retirement. My thoughts and prayers are with you both and extended family.

Marilyn Zielinski

Marilyn Zielinski - August 16, 2015 at 12:47 PM

WP

“ Mary Ann was a gem to share work with at Reynolds Corners. We had great times together. I could always count on her support and her excellent contribution to programming at the library. She was a great lady. Deepest sympathy to you, Molly, and your family.

Wayne Piper

Wayne Piper - August 16, 2015 at 08:15 AM

ES

Thanx Wayne

ed silka - August 16, 2015 at 06:05 PM

KL

“ Mary Ann's smile would brighten any room! Her laughter was infectious. She told great stories and always made me smile. She was a true joy to be around and I will really miss her at family gatherings. Rest in peace cousin. Stuart and I send our deepest sympathy to the entire family.

Kyle Thomson Lewis - August 15, 2015 at 08:20 PM

ES

Thanx Kyle it means alot

ed silka - August 16, 2015 at 06:06 PM

LB

“ *Linda (Glaser) Bueno lit a candle in memory of Mary Ann Reuss Silka*



Linda (Glaser) Bueno - August 15, 2015 at 04:45 PM

PS

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Mary Ann's passing. I remember her in our class of 1971 as a sweet and kind person. Please let your heart be at peace with the memories of her and happy times you shared together.*

*Pam Miller Shiner
Class of 1971*

Pam Miller Shiner - August 15, 2015 at 09:41 AM

AE

“ Mary Ann was one of my mentors when I joined the children's librarian staff at TLCPL. My first outing with her was to the fabric store to buy materials for puppets. She was a master seamstress and her abundant creativity overflowed. I watched in awe as she mesmerized two year olds in story time with songs and finger plays and incredible good humor. I often sat next to her as she ordered children's books and she just howled with laughter at the stories and illustrations. Mary Ann once held a welcoming picnic at her home with a huge pot of boiled corn and a lovely concoction of Long Island ice tea. She grabbed life with an irresistible joy. We have lost a great friend. I am just imagining what a delight she is in Heaven!

Anne Easterly-Potter

Anne Easterly-Potter - August 15, 2015 at 06:37 AM

NI

“ Ed, so sorry for your loss. Prayers for God's comfort & peace for you & Molly.
Nikki Schlatter

nikki - August 14, 2015 at 11:53 PM

ES

thank u very much ur thoughts r very kind

ed silka - August 15, 2015 at 07:56 PM

EB

“ Ed, words are not enough to express my sorrow for you and Molly...please accept my deepest condolences.

Eilleen Beeler

EILLEEN BEELER - August 14, 2015 at 11:24 PM

ES

thank u very much Eilleen this means a lot

ed silka - August 15, 2015 at 07:56 PM



“ *I remember when our Quinn was born. Mary Ann snuck up some back stairway at Toledo Hospital the next night when she got off of work to come meet him. She was a very special person and we grieve her loss with you, Ed and Molly. If there is anything at all that we can do, we are there for you. Bob, Melanie and Quinn Kleinfelter.*

Bob Kleinfelter - August 14, 2015 at 06:29 PM

ES

thanks Bob and family very much

ed silka - August 15, 2015 at 07:57 PM

BB

“ *Ed your family here on 8N are grieving with you. We will be here for you always.- Beth Butler*



Beth Butler - August 14, 2015 at 01:40 PM

NH

Ed I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and Molly at this most difficult time. Take comfort in knowing that Mary Ann is now in the loving arms of our Lord. Nancy Hurdelbrink

Nancy Hurdelbrink - August 15, 2015 at 10:54 AM

BS

What a beautiful photo of Mary Ann. So sorry for your loss.

Barbara Spiro, McAuley 1971

Barbara Spiro - August 15, 2015 at 11:01 AM

ES

Thank you everyone who has sent a note it means very much to myself and my dtr. Molly

ed silka - August 15, 2015 at 08:01 PM

MC

“ *ED SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOST. YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE IN MY PRAYERS.*

Michelle cross



Michelle cross - August 14, 2015 at 12:52 PM

ES

Thanx Michelle it means a lot

ed silka - August 15, 2015 at 07:59 PM

AW

“ *My condolences to Ed, Molly and family. My prayers are with you. I remember MaryAnn as a person who would light up the room as soon as she walked in. I had the privilege to get to know her when she was a consultant for Tastefully Simple for the 2 years she was in. She made me laugh and we had lots of sweet memories together in the business. I will miss our occasional conversations and chats to catch up. Til we meet again.*

Anita Williamson

Anita Williamson - August 14, 2015 at 12:03 PM

WD

“ ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL PICTURE OF MARYANN, AND SHE WAS SUCH A BEAUTIFUL PERSON TO EVERYONE...SHE WILL BE SADLY MISSED ...OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO ED, MOLLY, AND THE FAMILY..LOVE WOODY AND IDA DAILEY

WOODY AND IDA DAILEY - August 14, 2015 at 11:15 AM

MR

“ *Mary Ann Repka lit a candle in memory of Mary Ann Reuss Silka*



Mary Ann Repka - August 14, 2015 at 10:40 AM

MR

Mary Ann was such a fun-loving, warm lady. My prayers are with the family at this sad time.

Mary Ann Repka - August 14, 2015 at 10:42 AM

KK

I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Kristyn Kautz - August 14, 2015 at 02:49 PM

AM

Ed so very sorry to learn of your lies. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May your memories help you thru this difficult time.

annette mondville - August 14, 2015 at 06:11 PM

JS

She looked so familiar to me when I saw the posts of her passing. In reading this I know why. She was at the library when we walked our children from school for story time. She came to Old Orchard to read with them and get them to sign up for library cards and summer programs. She was an amazing talent and she had a light that shown from within. The children adored her reading and her talents so much! She will be missed by so many whose lives she touched. I am so sorry for your loss.

Johanna Staples - August 14, 2015 at 07:09 PM

EO

Ed and Molly, I was sad to hear of Mary Ann's passing. She was a wonderful, kind and funny lady who always made me laugh no matter how much time had past since we last talked. She was a creative and talented seamstress and I will treasure the purses she made me. You are in my thoughts and prayers and I am so sorry for your loss.

Elma Olalde - August 20, 2015 at 10:28 PM