



## Mary Elizabeth Benore

August 20, 1915 - December 4, 2010

Mary Elizabeth Benore died Saturday of Alzheimers in the home she shared for the past 16 years with her daughter Beth and her son in law Benjamin Savino. Mary Beth was born on August 20, 1915 to Anna {McCullen} and Thomas I. Wilson. Her mother died in the flu epidemic of 1918 and she was reared by the McCullen, Wilson and Lawton families. She boarded at the Ursuline Convent through her junior year, graduating from Scott High School in 1933. After graduation she moved to Detroit and began her retail career working at B.Siegel. After residing in Manhattan for a year, she returned to Toledo where she met her husband of 54 years Russell L. Benore and they married in 1940.

In 1947 being an avid model railroader, Russell began a shop in the basement of their Boston Place home which was the genesis of Hobby Center Toys. Through her vision, she helped her husband develop the business into a 27 store, three state wide, successful chain lasting more than 50 years. The success of their business allowed them to become inveterate travelers, visiting more than 100 countries, culminating with 20 years of an annual vacation on the West Indian island of Nevis. One of her greatest joys was accompanying Russell on the 1976 bi-centennial recreation of the 1907 Great Race from Istanbul to San Fransico. Driving a 1912 Abbott Detroit, they were announced as winners on NPR as they crossed the finish line on the Golden Gate Bridge. She was a member of the Inverness Club, the Toledo Club and the Toledo Opera Guild.

Always proud to be 100% Irish: "I'm Irish you know, every drop of blood within me and divil a man can say a word agin me" was one of her favorite quips. Her desire to reconnect with her roots, led her and her family to travel to Ireland and find her McCullen/Wilson family. Always a gracious host and generous friend, she freely said "Caed Mile Failte".

A devoted and caring mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, she is survived by her children Beth Savino (Benjamin), Charles J. (Shelley) Benore; grandchildren: Michael S. Maxson (special friend Sheila Phillips), Kimberly A. (John) Ertle, Charles Russell Benore, Monica A. Benore, Katheryn N. Benore; great grandchildren, Michael Cory Ertle, Colin T. Ertle, Ian J. Ertle, and Devon M. Ertle. Mary Beth is also survived by her devoted cousins Frederick F. Kellermair, Ruth (Jason) McCullen-Zajac, brother in law Gerald Benore, and brothers John Wilson of Lake Park Ohio and Thomas Wilson of Bowling Green Ohio. Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S Reynolds Rd, on Monday December 6, 2010 from 4-8 p.m. where a scripture service will be held at 7:00 p.m. The family receive friends beginning at 10 a.m. Dec. 7th at Gesu Church followed by the mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be private. Any remembrances may be made to the Gesu Parish or Hospice of Northwest Ohio. A special thank you to her multitude of care givers, Barb, Betty, Doris, Doris, Madelyn, Valerie and to her hospice nurses, Jennifer Drees and aid Crystal. Her quality of life would have been greatly diminished without their care.

# Tribute Wall



“ Beth, Ben and family,

*I was so sorry to hear of Aunt Mary Beth's passing, and deeply sorry that I was unable to attend her funeral. My deepest sympathy and condolences to you.*

*I have such fond memories of her, she was truly one of the most gracious women I have ever known.*

*I always admired her strength, her business sense, and her genuine interest and concern in how everyone in our family was doing. She was such a classy and caring woman !!*

*She will be missed by so many.*

*Rest in peace, Aunt Mary Beth.*

*Love,*

*George, Cindi & Alex Dolias###imported-begin##George and Cindi Dolias###imported-end##*

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“ *My Aunt Mary Beth was one of the kindest and most gracious people I have ever known. Her love of family and friends was not only inspiring but also a major life lesson. She will be greatly missed. Dance in heaven.....###imported-begin##Adrienne (Kuenzel) Stirn tennisgirl47@gmail.com###imported-end##*

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“ Dear Beth, Ben and Family,  
One of my favorite childhood memories was when my mother took me shopping at the Hobby Center and she spoiled me with many barbie and madame alexander dolls. Your parents were wonderful people and loved by many.  
I enjoyed seeing your mother in church and at the beauty shop. You have shown your love by taking such good care of such a special women.  
Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Mary Lewis Geiger###imported-begin###Mary Lewis Geiger marylgeiger@yahoo.com###imported-end###

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“ Dear Beth and family:  
What a great lady and great memories you will have of her. Her life touched mine only through you and Mike but both of you showed a great love and respect for her. You have my sincere sympathy and prayers.  
Eleanor Gibbs###imported-begin###Eleanor Gibbs elegibbs@bex.net###imported-end###

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“ Dear Beth & Ben,  
I was saddened to learn of Mary Beth's passing. She will always be remembered for her graciousness, wonderful sense of humor and certainly her love for Hobby Center Toys. Mary Beth was an extraordinary woman; I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with her. She certainly adored you both. May God comfort you and ease your pain. Please know my thoughts and sympathy are with you your family at this time.

Fond regards,  
Susan Johnson###imported-begin##Susan Johnson robsuhjoh@bex.net###imported-end##

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“ was so sorry to hear mrs. Benore passed away .for everyone who knew and loved her, she will be greatly i will miss her so much.###imported-begin##johnnie huff jr.###imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Although we did not know Mrs. Benore personally, she was often spoken of very fondly by our former next door neighbor, Lucille Maxson. We enjoyed hearing the stories about her stores and travels from Lucy as well as Kim and Mike. It sounds like she had a wonderful life and left many fond memories for your family. All our best. Dick and Lori Kiser###imported-begin##Dick and Lori Kiser lkiser@bex.net###imported-end##

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“ Farewell for now Mary Beth from your irish roots...  
Dear Beth and Ben, you are in our thoughts and  
prayers.##imported-begin##John & Ann McCullen##imported-  
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“ Dearest Mary Beth,  
"May the road rise to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand."  
You'll be missed.Thank you for the lessons in life.x##imported-  
begin##Lucy McCullen & Cathal Leahy##imported-end##

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“ Our sincerest sympathy to dear Beth, Ben and family of our  
favourite Irish American cousin Mary Beth on your sad loss.Her  
remarkable longevity was a wonderful testament to her love of life  
and the devoted care shown by you. With a song in our hearts, our  
thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless. Ar dheis Dé go raibh  
a hanam dílis.##imported-begin##Dermot##imported-end##

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“ My condolences. I know Mike has lost his best "buddy". A good life  
is to celebrated and now she has her good memories  
back.##imported-begin##Lance A. Talmage##imported-end##

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“ Thinking of you all at this difficult time but remembering with fondness memories of midnight swims and frontal labotomy songs! With love and sympathies, Colm, Fiona and Family.##imported-begin##colm mc cullen colmmccullen@gmail.com##imported-end##

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“ Beth, Ben and Family- I always enjoyed being around your mom and her optimistic nature, and remember her amazing cooking skills, and what an elegant woman she was. I also have very fond thoughts of Hobby Center, my first job in high school, and how your parents made us keep the stock in perfect order always (a good life lesson). I am so sorry to hear of your loss and my thoughts are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Deborah (Czerniak) Torres torres.studio@gmail.com##imported-end##

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“ Dear Bethie and Joe, I am saddened at the news of Mary Beth's death. But what a long and full life she enjoyed! You were wonderfully caring children. The obit was beautiful. I felt so special to share her birthday and to have her as my godmother. I trust my Mom was mighty glad to see her! Sending you prayers and love, Kathy##imported-begin##Kathy Murrin kathleenmurrin@yahoo.com##imported-end##

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“ Thinking of you & your family Beth. Take care of yourself.##imported-begin##Jeanette Ueberroth netty@toast.net##imported-end##

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“ Beth, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. What a wonderful gift you gave your mom - the opportunity to live out her life at home with family. I remember your home on Canterbury Court...lots of dolls and toy trains! Your mom was always a gracious hostess, and as children, my brothers and I enjoyed our occasional visits. Thinking of you...##imported-begin##Cindy (Cranker) Fortlage##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts are with you during your time of sorrow. Our deepest sympathy for your loss.

"Once a Bulldog, always a Bulldog"##imported-begin##Jesup W. Scott High School Alumni Association scottalumni@gmail.com##imported-end##

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“*Mary Beth (and Russell) were an important part of my childhood. The Hobby Center toys and the classic cars (especially the Stanley Steamer) were always a source of delight. Whenever we visited Mary Beth was a gracious and interesting hostess. We pray she is enjoying her deserved place in heaven.##imported-begin##Liz (Lawton) & Chris Van Lauwe chrislizvan@yahoo.com##imported-end##*

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