



Mary Ellen Kreft

May 25, 1930 - November 3, 2018

Mary Ellen Kreft, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully at home on November 3, 2018 with her family by her side.

She was born on May 25, 1930 to Roma and Josephine Karl in Crawford County, Ohio. She moved to Toledo, Ohio after graduating from New Washington High School and received her RN nursing certification from Mercy College of Nursing. Mary Ellen worked in various nursing capacities over the years, including Mercy Hospital and Family Practice and at the Masonic Auditorium as a facility nurse during events.

On May 1, 1954 she married Leo "Lee" Kreft at Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church in North Auburn, Ohio. Mary Ellen and Lee raised four boys and one daughter and were active members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Mary Ellen volunteered at the church singing in the funeral choir, chairing the Red Cross blood drive, and began their Bereavement group. She also volunteered for seven years at The University of Toledo Medical Center in the Pastoral Care Department.

Mary Ellen lived a life of service to others. She served her family in raising her children and babysitting her grandchildren; her church through volunteering whenever she was called upon; her neighbors by caring for their medical needs; and her community. Holidays in the Kreft house always included an elderly neighbor that would otherwise have spent the holidays alone. Her faith in the Lord and devotion to The Blessed Virgin Mary was what guided her life.

She passed from this life into eternity just moments after praying the rosary. Her greatest joys in life were her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her favorite days were spent baking cookies with them and gardening. Mary Ellen and Lee enjoyed traveling with their children and grandchildren and traveled to Europe several times.

Mary Ellen was preceded in death by her parents; son Ronald; brothers Edward, Robert; Louis; and Vincent and sisters Margaret Lang and Katherine Forster. She is survived by her husband Lee; sons Gary, Tim, and Karl and daughter Mary Jo (David) Bruckner; grandchildren, Kevin (Renee) Kreft, Kyle (Brittany) Kreft; Aubrie and Drew Kreft, Hannah and Adam Bruckner; and great-grandchildren Kailyn and Gavin Kreft as well as numerous nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank Terry Morganfield-Jones, caretaker for mom the past two years who provided mom with special care and love.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Wednesday, November 7th from 3-7 p.m., where a Rosary will be recited at 6:30 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, November 8th beginning at 9:15 a.m., in the mortuary, followed by a Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at 10 a.m. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may take the form of contributions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church or to Hospice of Northwest Ohio. Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

NOV 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
2255 Central Grove
Toledo, OH 43614

Tribute Wall

PG

“ *The family of George and Nancy Presser wish to extend their sincere condolences on Mrs Kreft's passing. Our prayers are with you.*

Penny Goodman - November 08, 2018 at 08:26 PM

RZ

“ *My Sympathies on the loss of your Wife, Mother, and Grandmother, she was a wonderful woman, may she rest in peace.*



Rita M. Zeller - November 07, 2018 at 11:22 PM

RS

“ *Mary Jo,
Sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. She was a special lady and will be deeply missed by your family. My sympathies to your Dad and the rest of your family.*

Rosanne Sutter

Rosanne Sutter - November 07, 2018 at 04:51 PM

DJ

“ To the Krefts - I was sorry to read of Mary Ellen's passing. I have such fond memories of the days spent at the Masonic Auditorium - from the grand opening until several years later when I was in charge of the house for Broadway shows, operas, and the symphony and assorted other programs. Mary Ellen was always there to greet us with that great smile and a positive word. There are so many stories of the "stars" and the many things that happened almost each performance. It was such a joy to know her and work with her. I will keep her memory and smile in my heart forever. Love and peace to you all.
Dr. Richard St John

Dr Richard St John - November 07, 2018 at 11:27 AM

PP

“ To Mary Jo and Family, We just wanted to let you know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers as you have lost an amazing woman, mother & grandmother. Your Mom was a very special person with so many gifts. We pray that you are comforted by the many memories, thoughts, and wisdom that have been left in her place.

Love,

Paula & Dave Prediger

Paula Prediger - November 07, 2018 at 10:40 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Kreft.



November 07, 2018 at 10:05 AM

MA

“ *Some of my earliest memories are of Mary Ellen, as she was my nextdoor neighbor for almost all my life. Her family was her life, and she served them well. She was a good mother, a good wife, and a very faithful servant of the Lord. I will miss seeing her, and talking to her. I will miss her sense of humor. We could make one another laugh. Until we meet again Mrs. Kreft, enjoy your rest. 🙏*

Marcy - November 07, 2018 at 08:35 AM

MA

“ *Marcy lit a candle in memory of Mary Ellen Kreft*



Marcy - November 07, 2018 at 08:19 AM

PZ

“ *Thoughts and prayers to Lee and his family from Pat Zurawski, co-worker of Lee's @ Columbia Gas*

Pat Zurawski - November 06, 2018 at 09:20 PM

GP

“ *It was truly an inspiration to witness Mary Ellen's resilience and continued zest for life in her later years. Karl and his siblings set an example for us all with their devotion and care that allowed her to remain at home in her final days Gary Pakulski*

Gary pakulski - November 06, 2018 at 12:54 PM

TC

“ To the Family of Mary Ellen Kreft:

Please accept my heartfelt condolences on Mary Ellen's passing.

May God be with you all during this time of great sorrow.

Tom Crothers - November 06, 2018 at 11:07 AM

CV

“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - November 06, 2018 at 10:42 AM

EW

“ *It was a pleasure getting to know Mary Ellen and her family. She was truly a great woman. I wish I could have gotten to know her more but I'm glad that I got to meet her when I did. She was so easy going and loved to chat. I enjoyed making her laugh and the interest she showed when I shared stories of my children. It was an honor being able to care for her and help the family. My condolences go out to Lee, Mary Jo, Karl, Gary, and Tim.*



Ebonni Woodard - November 06, 2018 at 02:01 AM

DP

“*Mary Ellen was an extraordinary woman. There are many in the community who will deeply mourn her passing as she was a life of service, love, compassion and excellence. We have many fond memories of her effervescent personality and know she will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Dan and Amy Petro*

Dan and Amy Petro - November 05, 2018 at 07:23 PM

RP

“*Our family was one of those graciously invited by Mary Ellen to share Easter dinner with her family years ago. She always made one feel welcome by showing keen interest in what was going on in your life. Our family also enjoyed camping and canoeing with the Kreft family when our children were teenagers. Mary Ellen always did more than her share of camp duties and was delightfully good natured and fun.*

Rose Pflgebraar - November 05, 2018 at 06:15 PM

KA

“*Mrs. Kreft was such a sweet person. Carol and I send our prayers to the family from our home in South Carolina.*
Ken and Carol Aerni

ken Aerni - November 05, 2018 at 05:37 PM

DI

“*Mary Jo, Karl, Gary, Tim, and Mr. Kreft--I'm sending you all my hugs and prayers in the loss of your mom and wife. I'll always remember her smile, great sense of humor, and willingness to help anyone. She was one special lady, and I'm grateful that I knew her. You all have my deepest sympathies. She will be missed.*

Diane - November 05, 2018 at 03:38 PM