



## Mary Ann Oess

April 9, 1947 - November 27, 2023

Mary Ann Oess, age 76, of Maumee, Ohio passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Monday, November 27, 2023 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Toledo. She had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in April of this year. Mary Ann was born on April 9, 1947 to Mildred and Lee Hawkins. She grew up in the Old South End (Darby) and attended Immaculate Conception. She went on to graduate from Central Catholic in 1965 and St. Vincent School of Nursing in 1968.

She knew her husband forever, they dated in high school and on July 18, 1969 she became Mrs. Thomas Oess. They were so blessed to have enjoyed 54+ years of marriage during which their lives were enhanced with three sons and six grandchildren.

Mary Ann assumed every role and responsibility with great energy. Every task was important, every task mattered to her and always was received with great love. She excelled in her many roles as a wife, mother, grandmother, sister, cousin, sister in law, aunt, great aunt, godmother, friend, neighbor, nurse, and caregiver. Her mission was to provide great service with much love at the highest level, and never knew of one dissatisfied customer.

Mary Ann was a devout catholic who not only lived her faith but was actively involved in her parish. She was a founding member as St. Joan of Arc was getting started. She organized the early childhood education program. She was the first leader of the RCIA program, served on the engaged couples weekend encounter and was a lector at the 7:30 Sunday Mass for a number

of years. While she was still working she would attend Mass at St. Pat's at 7:00. She became a lector and eventually was scheduling the lectors for the 7:00 a.m. Mass.

Mary Ann's nursing career was quite extensive. She was an ICU/burn unit nurse at St. V's upon graduation, an office nurse at Dr. Stark and Carter, taught Lamaze child birth classes, worked as a home care nurse in the infant monitor program (IMP) at Toledo Hospital and lastly as a home care nurse at Hospice of Northwest Ohio. She said that completed her nursing "circle of life".

After retirement, Mary Ann devoted many years as a volunteer with Heartbeat of Toledo. Recently she was recognized by that organization as "volunteer of the year".

Mary Ann always wanted to reach out to people personally but she would always send comfort food. Holidays always meant baking and packaging, as she would send cookies, chex mix, biscotti and chocolates, all homemade of course. The locals received the same but also pizzas, pies, mac and cheese, meatloaf, and beef stew. All sent with a personal note expressing her love. During the Covid we believe she made and sent 400 dozen cookies.

Mary is survived by her husband Tom; sons Andrew (Andrea), Timothy (Katie), and Michael (Mari); grandchildren Avery, Luke, Aiden, Reese, Karis and Carson; sister Barbara Bagnato (Edward); sister and brothers in law Pat and Bob Takats and Bill Kolva. She was also very close to her many cousins, nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. Mary Ann was preceded in death by her parents Mildred and Lee Hawkins and sister in law Julie Kolva. She would want to say goodbye to her Darby Group, close friends for 65-70 years. She was President of her St. V's class and they've met at various locations all over the country for 45 years. Each of the members of the "Basement Group", a Christian study group that's been together for over 40 years held a place in her heart. A special goodbye to her kindergarten classmate and very dear friend for 71 years, Sharon Lynch Michalak.

In April, when she was diagnosed the cancer was stage 4, not curable, her

choice was comfort care, "living with cancer" her words. She went from being a caregiver to a care receiver. Her end of life care from Hospice of Northwest Ohio was extraordinary. A special thanks to her home care nurse Lisa Schultz, Dr. Marcia Paul who performed magic managing her pain and the inpatient staff that were all magnificent with their love and care, she had a special bond with Olivia and Karen.

Family and Friends may visit at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, OH on Friday, December 8th from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. where a Scripture Service and Sharing of Memories will be held at 7:00 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, December 9th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 5856 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo, OH where the family will welcome visitors at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers the family asks you to consider a donation to either Hospice of Northwest Ohio or Heartbeat of Toledo. Both organizations were important in Mary's life. As a final way of helping others, Mary donated her body to the anatomical donation program at the University of Toledo.

In conclusion, Mary Ann would wish for you a loving two armed hug and say to each of you: "Guess What? I love you very much!" She was just a normal person that lived an extraordinary but simple life and showed us all the true meaning of unconditional love.

Please view Mary Ann's video tribute and sign the online guest registry at [www.coylefuneralhome.com](http://www.coylefuneralhome.com) <<http://www.coylefuneralhome.com>>.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 8. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Vigil

DEC 8. 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

DEC 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joan Of Arc  
5856 Heatherdowns Blvd  
Toledo, OH

## Memorial Mass

DEC 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joan Of Arc  
5856 Heatherdowns Blvd  
Toledo, OH

# Tribute Wall

LM

“ Dear Tom and family,

*You have our deepest sympathy over Mary's passing. We loved the way you spent her last few months. My recent visit was wonderful.*

*Among Mary's many qualities was her beautiful letter writing ability. The words she chose were always heartfelt and endearing. She had a very special gift.*

*May she rest in peace and you be at peace.*

*Laurie and Bob*

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**Laurie and Bob Moore** - December 12, 2023 at 12:38 PM

LA

“ To Tom, family and friends, my condolences for this loss. Lew and Diana Anderson

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**Lewis Anderson** - December 09, 2023 at 10:49 AM

SC

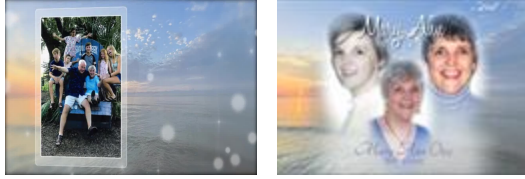
“ Tom and family, so sorry to hear of the passing of Mary Ann. She always had a kind word and smile to go with it. She was on the RCIA team when Janis and I joined the SJA community many years ago. When we lost our daughter she sent a nice note for support for years afterwards. Our thoughts and prayers are with and for you. God bless you!

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**Scott Chamberlin** - December 07, 2023 at 06:46 PM

CV

“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - December 07, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Oess.



December 06, 2023 at 05:04 PM

EH

“ Tom and family, there are no words that express the gratitude I have for Mary Ann as she helped Cheryl and me through Cheryl's final days. Her love, warmth, and caring - I will forever remember. She gave us comfort and reassurance in the darkest time. Mary Ann was a beacon of light in the dark; may God bless you as you grieve your loss.

Edward D Heintschel - December 06, 2023 at 10:11 AM

LC

“ Mrs. Mary Really touched my heart. So kind and sweet. May God give you all strength.

Latoya Porchia- Cole - December 05, 2023 at 09:17 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Oess.



December 04, 2023 at 01:11 PM



“ Kathye R Zaper lit a candle in memory of Mary Ann Oess



Kathye R Zaper - December 04, 2023 at 10:46 AM



Tom and Family, My sincere sympathy on your loss, Mary Ann and I were grade school buddies, she was a wonderful person, RIH Mary Ann!

Kathye R Zaper - December 04, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ Dear Tom & family, we are sorry for you losing someone very special, that Mary Ann was. She was truly one of the best & kindest, that we were honored to know. Our sincere condolences and wishing you all the strength through this difficult time. Lots of love, Daniel, Willemien, Tessa & Julian Takats.

Daniel Takats - December 03, 2023 at 11:05 AM

JS

“ Tom,  
Our most sincere sympathy to you and your family. It's been a long time, but Mary Ann always held a special place in our hearts. She had such a unique way of “volunteering” others into programs that were found to be a perfect fit. Working with both of you for so many years at the marriage encounter weekends - your ears probably ring as we share special memories with friends and family, even decades later.  
You were blessed with a special woman, beautiful inside and out. May Ann truly had a heart of gold. May God be with you as the angels marvel at her life here on earth.  
Prayers, love and hugs!  
Bob and Jan Scott

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**Jan Scott** - December 03, 2023 at 08:15 AM

CH

“ Christi H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ann Oess.

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**Christi H.** - December 02, 2023 at 08:40 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Oess.



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December 02, 2023 at 11:55 AM

MP

“ Tom and entire family,  
We are so sorry to hear of Mary Ann’s passing. She was one of the best, always had a smile on her face. We all know how much she loved her family and life. May God give you strength in dealing with your loss. Praying for all of you during this very difficult time.

Mike and Marcia Pozniak - December 02, 2023 at 09:55 AM

SH

May God bless you, Tom and your entire family, as you endure the passing of Mary Ann. She was such a special lady - she was my Angel when I needed one. I will forever hold her in my heart. Sue (Lyons) Hamann

Sue (Lyons) Hamann - December 03, 2023 at 08:06 AM

JA

“ JAN sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Ann  
Oess



JAN - December 02, 2023 at 07:32 AM

MO

“ Mary Ann was truly an extraordinary person. Such a loving and caring soul. My sister Julia was a classmate of hers and when Julia was in her last stages of life no one could have been kinder or helped more than Mary Ann. God be with you all.

Marty OConnell - December 01, 2023 at 09:06 PM

NH

*Sending my sympathy to Mary Ann's family. I always enjoyed talking to her when living in Carmella Gardens. May God wrap His arms around each of you and give you peace. 🙏❤️*

**Nancy Hasty** - December 01, 2023 at 10:11 PM

TP

*My prayers are with you all. Mary Ann was a blessing to all who ever got to be in her world. For me, she touched my life and changed it in good ways for which I will always be grateful.*

**Terri Pastura** - December 02, 2023 at 09:37 AM

FK

*Mary Ann was so thoughtful and had a heart of gold. I got to know her better when she organized a golf league and we played together. She was such a good sport and we'd make little side bets on our chip shots. Mary Ann was always thinking of others. I was touched and surprised when I got a note and present from Mary Ann after I received an Award from Central Catholic. To her husband and family, I'm very sorry for your loss Fran Krompak*

**Frances Krompak** - December 04, 2023 at 06:15 PM

JC

*Andy, I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. May she rest in eternal peace, and may your memories of her sustain you.*  
*Jolene Clement*

**Jolene Clement** - December 08, 2023 at 06:18 PM