



Maria "Mary" Ward

May 18, 1932 - January 20, 2017

Mary (Flores) Ward of Toledo, Ohio, passed away suddenly, Friday, January 20, 2017, at her home. She was born May 18, 1932, in Toledo, to Jose and Carmen Flores.

Mary graduated from Waite High School in 1950. During her following career, she was a dedicated civil servant who began her extensive 60 plus year career with the City of Toledo at age 19 and went on to serve in various departments. She took extreme pride in serving her city and its people and employees well and retired in 2010, as the City's Payroll Supervisor and longest serving civic employee at the time. She was a member of AFCSME Local #2058.

Mary was also passionate and actively involved in city politics and managed her brother's campaigns (Judge Joseph Flores) and she also ran for Toledo City Council.

Mary was an avid University of Michigan sports fan. She had an undeniable spirit for life and she will be remembered and missed, especially by her friends and family.

Mary is survived by sister, Esperanza (Charles) Clay, of Arlington, Texas and sister-in-law, Mary Jane (Joseph) Flores, of Oregon, Ohio. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews; Ted (Linda) Steele, Carmen (Mike) Stemen, LTC U. S. Army-Retired Anneliese (LTC U. S. Army Retired, Doug Skaggs) Steele, Shawn (Rebecca) Flores, Mark (Celia) Flores, Denise (Bryan) Finnegan, Andre (Jessi) Flores, Maria (Jeff Sendelbach, Fiance') Flores. Mary

was preceded in death by her mother, Carmen Flores; father, Jose Flores; brothers, Ramon Flores, Rudy Flores and Judge Joseph Flores; and sisters, Margarita Flores and Eva Steele.

The family will receive friends at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Road, on Friday, January 27th from 4-8 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2017, beginning with an hour of visitation at 10:00 a.m. at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 738 S. Saint Clair St. Toledo, Ohio 43609. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church or to Latins United, 706 S. St. Clair St., 43609, in care of the "Lucy Weaver Scholarship Fund" for college students.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **27**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JAN **28**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Saint Peter and Paul's
728 S St Clair St
Toledo, OH 43609

Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Maria "Mary" Ward.*



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“ *I was so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. I worked for her for more than 24 years at the City starting when I was 26 and retired a few months before her. One of our favorite times was always Ohio State Michigan Friday leading up to the "Big Game". Her in her Michigan attire and me in my Ohio State. She use to buy myself and another coworker mum corsages with the a big O in the the middle and an M for her. It was always a fun filled rivalry. I have been thinking alot about her lately and wished I would have made contact. I will always have fond memories of her as a boss and friend.*

Cathy McEwen

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