



## Nancy Joyce Wilhelm

June 15, 1923 - September 15, 2022

Daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, friend.....Nancy Joyce Wilhelm, the matriarch of our family, passed away Thursday, September 15, 2022, at the age of 99.

Nancy was born in Toledo on June 15, 1923, to William and Mary Layden, Irish immigrants. And the luck of the Irish followed her throughout her life. Nancy graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1941, where she was active on the school newspaper. It was at Central that she met the love of her life and future husband, Don Wilhelm.

Nancy and Don were married in 1945 and enjoyed 61 years of love, friendship and devotion until Don's passing in 2006. Nancy and Don were blessed with eight children and their home was one of controlled chaos, always brimming with the children and their friends, and then their spouses, and then grandchildren and great grandchildren. But Nancy was always calm and cool, treating all with the warmth, wisdom and wit that were her hallmarks. A devout Catholic, Nancy lived her faith as an inspiration to all of us.

Nancy was an active partner in and ardent supporter of Don's business ventures, which culminated with his founding of Helm Instrument Company in 1962 in the basement of their home. In 1969, Don left a secure and well-paying job with Owens-Illinois to devote his full-time efforts to Helm. Nancy encouraged and supported Don in those actions, despite having six children still at home (which surely demonstrated her courage, as well as her confidence in Don). After 60 years, Helm continues to thrive doing business all

over the world and now led by Nancy's children and grandchildren.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters, Elizabeth and Ann; husband, Don, and her granddaughter, Sarah Tracy. She is survived by her children, Donald Jr., Mary Lynn (Ron) Tice, Richard (Mary Alice), Elizabeth (Dennis) Tracy, Michael (Peggy), Joyce (Ned) Phillips, Tom and Teresa (Dan); 27 grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren; nieces, Karen (Marty) Bokesch and Cheryl (Tom) Wood and nephew, Jim Collier. She is also survived by the entire crew at Loma Linda's, who always treated her like family, for which the Wilhelm's are forever grateful.

Thank you Mom and Grandma for the love you had for us and the joy you always shared with us. Yours was truly a life well-lived!

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The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Promedica Hospice for their compassionate care.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Tuesday, September 20th from 2:00-8:00 p.m. where a Rosary will be recited at 7:00 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Joan of Arc Church, 5856 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo, OH 43614, on Wednesday, September 21st at 10:30 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Children's Outreach Ministries of Toledo at [[www.comkidsclub.com](http://www.comkidsclub.com)] or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue  
Toledo, OH 43615

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 20. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Ceremony

SEP 21. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Joan Of Arc  
5856 Heatherdowns Blvd  
Toledo, OH

# Tribute Wall

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“ 7 files added to the album Don & Nan



**Peej Phillips** - September 19, 2022 at 11:26 PM

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“ Doug and Sue Beat purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Nancy Joyce Wilhelm.



**Doug and Sue Beat** - September 19, 2022 at 10:02 PM

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“ David Lopez and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Nancy Joyce Wilhelm.



**David Lopez and Family** - September 19, 2022 at 05:05 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Nancy Joyce Wilhelm.*



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September 19, 2022 at 01:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nancy Joyce Wilhelm.*



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September 19, 2022 at 09:35 AM



“ *“Parting is such sweet sorrow.” All of us who were so blessed and incredibly lucky to have known Nan, and her entire family all our lives, send our love and prayers. Remembering always that we never loose anyone, it’s just the seen and unseen now. Rest assured that there is one big mega party going on up above. Nan’s family was blessed in just the same as ours was. My heart felt sympathy to you all.*

*Linda (Simonis) Bartok*

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**Linda Bartok** - September 17, 2022 at 03:55 PM

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“Nan was such a special lady. Always lending calm stability to whatever situation was at hand. I'll never forget her laugh as I hear it over and over in my mind. Very few people that I have known over the years possessed the ability to love and be loved that Nan did. In memory will love and respect her always. I will remember her in my prayers. Passed on but never forgotten. My condolences to her entire family. They had the Best-of-the-Best as family Matriarch as well as best friend!

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**Al Simonis** - September 17, 2022 at 12:13 PM