



Verena Mary Bartholomy

March 4, 1923 - October 18, 2020

The vivacious Verena Mary (Kirsch) Bartholomy was born March 4, 1923 on a farm near Kingsley, Iowa during a blizzard. Her mother always said that she acted like that blizzard. Fittingly, the day after she died, October 18th, there was a freak snowfall of 9 inches in Iowa.

Her parents were born in Luxembourg, and in that country the eldest son always inherits the farm. Unfortunately, her father was the second son, so, her parents emigrated shortly after World War I to be married and buy a farm. Luxembourgish was Verena's first language, and she was her mother's primary teacher of English. When you read a letter from her mother, you knew that her teacher was a child.

In spite of the objections from her old school parents who thought education would be wasted on a girl and had plans for her to marry the old, widowed farmer down the road, Verena graduated from Blissfield High School in 1942. She saved her money from working in a WWII factory and graduated as an RN from Mercy College in Jackson, Michigan. Her next rebellious act was to marry James Jules Bartholomy in 1948, who was a city slicker from the metropolis of Adrian, Michigan. Their loving marriage lasted 53 years until his death in 2002.

She worked as head nurse on 2 East in Mercy Hospital for many years and was known as Mrs. B. She was known for her exacting standards of care and was greatly loved by those who worked with her. She finished her working years in the office of Doctors Sundermeyer and Mendoza.

Besides her husband, Verena was preceded in death by her parents, Theodore and Elsie Kirsch, siblings Pierre, Gilbert, Dorothy, Gordon and Florentine; son, Mark Theodore and his wife Karla Hurst Bartholomy, daughter-in-law, Monica Ammons Bartholomy, son-in-law, Jack Dowling, and grandson Jeremiah Valiant. She is survived by her children who will miss her dearly, Deanna Malohn, Joseph Bartholomy, Gregory (Phyllis) Bartholomy, Ann Kear, Eileen (John) Juvinal, Rita (Donald) Shepler and Peter (Marchelle Myrice) Bartholomy. Her sister-in-law, Beverly Kirsch also survives along with Verena's 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren with more on the way. The family wishes to greatly thank ProMedica Hospice, and Wanda, her Hospice nurse, and especially Wotring Home for the wonderful care given to our mother during her last months. We will be forever grateful for having our mother in a home where we could visit and touch her freely (with proper PPE) and be with her during her final hours.

Family and friends can visit at Coyle Funeral Home 1770 S Reynolds Rd. from 4- 8 p.m. on October 29th with a Rosary service at 7 p.m. and memory sharing immediately thereafter. Her funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on October 30th at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church where the family will greet guests starting at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery. Proper COVID rules will be followed. This would have been Mom and Dad's 72nd wedding anniversary. Finally, they are together again. Donations can be made to St Charles Church, ProMedica Hospice or a charity of the donor's choice. Please leave a condolence message for the family at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **29**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Vigil

OCT **29**. 7:00 PM - 7:15 PM (ET)

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Visitation

OCT **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Charles Borromeo Toledo
1842 Airport Hwy
Toledo, OH 43607

Funeral Ceremony

OCT **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

OCT **30**. 12:30 PM - 12:45 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SM

“ *Deanna and family*

Just wanted to express my sympathy at the loss of your mom. I remember her as a very nice lady and good nurse who always spoke so highly of her children! She was a great role model!

Sue Mahoney-Stombaugh

sue mahoney-stombaugh - October 30, 2020 at 08:33 AM

RL

“ *Odd that Verena has been on my mind the last few days, unfortunately I didn't see that she passed till this evening. I have such fond memories of your mom, coming to the beauty shop at Creekside. Quite often she would sing to me or count in three or four different languages, and I would end it with Uno-Dos- Tres . What a wonderful lady!!!! Deanna, Eileen and Rita and family, so sorry for your loss.*

Roberta Lemert

Roberta Lemert - October 29, 2020 at 09:51 PM

LJ

“ I'll never forget the time when Rita and I were in the basement goofing around. I was swinging on the water pipe and it broke. Boy did I get yelled at by Mrs. B! Another thing I will never forget is when bats would come down from their attic and they'd be flying around in the bedrooms. We caught one in between the screen & the window. That was cool! I'll never forget Mrs. B. She was always so sweet and kind to us. She was a stern lady but everybody learned a lot from her. I am so happy she is with Mr. B now. Thinking of all you Bartholomys'. I'm so sorry for your loss. Love you forever.

Lisa Jacobs - October 29, 2020 at 01:29 PM

JM

What a beautiful obit for a beautiful woman who led a productive , valuable And somewhat rebellious life. So many found memories, especially as she grew older and said whatever was on her mind. May she Rest In Peace and surely will be welcomed by her savior and loving family & friends who preceded her. 💕💕💕💕 Aunt Jill

Jill Magrum - October 30, 2020 at 07:48 PM

PD

“ Phil & Dyan lit a candle in memory of Verena Mary Bartholomy



Phil & Dyan - October 29, 2020 at 10:43 AM

PD

Our deepest condolences to Joe and all Mrs B's family. May her light shine in your hearts forever

Phil & Dyan - October 29, 2020 at 10:51 AM

EP

“ *I wish to extend sincere condolences to Mrs. B's family. I will always remember her in her nurse whites with cap walking briskly about her unit and hospital, fully in charge. She was to be admired and respected.*

She will live on in your memories and within you. Her story in her obituary is well written and will be treasured by generations to follow.

Rest In Peace, Mrs. B.

Elaine Perry - October 29, 2020 at 12:02 AM

FM

“ My best to the Bartholmy kids but, especially Eileen, Rita and, Pete whom I knew the best while growing up.

People often mistakenly use the term "passed on" when they speak of someone who has died.

"Passing on" is something we do for people in our lives...while we're alive.

We pass on our advice, morals, smile, good times, lessons, experiences, humor, ideas, love, skills, ambitions and hopes.

And, we hope that each person we touch can take any of those things and, add value to their own lives or, have a smile and good feeling when they think of us ... and pass that on to someone valuable to them too.

Every day shared is printed in a person's book of life and, some of us are fortunate enough to get a page or, even two of our own that made someone smile as they seen us living it while adding our own small piece of value to theirs.

Thanks for letting me ad my page as a kid Mrs B.

-Fred Myers

Fred Myers - October 28, 2020 at 09:52 AM

JG

“ Sincere condolences to Mrs. Bartholomy's loved ones. She was the long-time matriarch of a great American family.

Janie & John Grady - October 28, 2020 at 09:23 AM

JB

“ Goodbye Mom say Hi to Monie for me and I know Dad is Glad to see you until that time
Adios I will join you some day. Joe

Joe Bartholomy - October 26, 2020 at 09:38 PM

MH

“ What a great lady! You always knew where you stood with Mrs. B and that was part of her charm. Loved her wit and had the most respect for her. I think of her and I chuckle a little...that's how I want to remember her. She will keep Heaven on their toes!

Michelle M Hatch - October 26, 2020 at 09:37 PM

KA

“ OMG- a legend has left the building!!! Mrs. B ruled with an iron fist and heart of gold! I was a friend to her children and spent MANY nights at the BART house. Two memories: when Eileen and I returned from a party one night - she took us down to the basement to check our eyes under the bare lightbulb to attempt to determine if we were imbibing in some illicit substance. Another time she confronted me about the way I dressed, reminding me that boys notice things and I needed to be a lady. I will never forget her attempts to encourage us to do the right thing. I am currently (at 62 years old) raising 2 fifteen year olds. Her spirit and high standards inspire my interactions with these girls. I love you Mrs. B for your guidance and attention. My lovely Bart sibs- I am so sorry for your loss.♥♥ Kathy (Latta) Okuley

kathy - October 26, 2020 at 08:49 PM

MH

Oh my gosh that is hilarious. I thought of that same thing when Rita and I were up to no good. Good times.

Michelle M Hatch - October 26, 2020 at 09:30 PM

JF

I was 22 or so when I met Mrs. Bartholomy in the Nursery 2 at Mercy Hospital. She was in charge of but gentle in the care of babies who needed constant attention. I was there to take blood from these poor children. She made sure I did it correctly. Truly a Lady who will be missed...

James Farmer - October 27, 2020 at 07:38 PM

SM

I worked 2 joes but got pulled to her wing. She was a great nurse. Rest In Peace. Susan Sutton Mizer

susan Sutton Mizer - October 27, 2020 at 09:51 PM

MC

“ *A beautiful woman and a beautiful legacy left behind <3*

mary Wismer Cornell - October 26, 2020 at 03:59 PM