



Virginia Ruth Kohn

September 8, 1918 - October 12, 2015

Virginia R. Kohn died October 12, 2015 at Swan Creek Retirement Village. She was 97 years old. She was born to Harry and Bertha (Boltin) Renn in Toledo, Ohio on September 8, 1918. She was a graduate of Devilbiss High School and Davis Business College. After Davis Business College, she was employed as a claims clerk at Aetna Insurance and Ohio Finance. During WWII, she volunteered at Riverside Hospital as a Gray Lady for the American Red Cross.

She was married in 1941 to Wayne Kohn and celebrated sixty-nine years of marriage with him. They raised three children in Point Place. When her children were older, she returned to work as a library clerk at Point Place Public Library until her retirement.

Mrs. Kohn was very active in civic and community affairs. She was a member and past President of the YWCA Young Matrons and was a supporter of the local Shriners and Shriners Hospitals for Children through the Lady Shrine. She was a member of the Toledo Towne Club, a women's organization dedicated to friendship and philanthropy and was actively involved with First Baptist Church of Greater Toledo where she taught Sunday School and served as a Deaconess and Deaconess Emeritus.

After retirement, she and her husband traveled extensively, often staying in Elderhostels, some of which were located on college campuses where they attended classes taught by local faculty. They instilled in their children a love of reading and a desire to never stop learning new things. She started painting classes in her 70's and became quite good with watercolor painting. She kept herself mentally and physically healthy by exercising in the cold Canada water of her vacation home until she was 89 and playing bridge until she was 96.

Her greatest gift was her service to others through volunteering – a virtue she learned from her own parents. She and her husband: volunteered at Riverside and Flower Hospitals; were naturalist guides at the MetroParks for kindergartners; delivered meals to shut-ins through Mobile Meals; and, served others through numerous church activities.

Her greatest joy was her love of hospitality and entertaining friends and family in the many beautiful parties she and her husband hosted. Through an international student exchange program, she and her husband welcomed a Chilean high school student into their home for a year. Miguel lived with them and their youngest son, Kevin, while they were both students at Woodward High School. Miguel became “a part of the family” as a result of the experience and has visited and kept in touch for the fifty years since.

Her greatest blessings were her family. She is survived by sons, Jeffery (Rachel) Kohn, Kevin (Andrea) Kohn, and daughter, Kristin Kohn (Tom) Kahl and by grandchildren, Tiffany Kohn (Adam) Williams, Eric (Jenny) Kahl, Stephanie Kahl (Adam) Shelton, and Eric Whitener. She has nine great grandchildren: Jacob and Hailey Kahl, Joshua and Ryan Shelton, Gabrielle, Camberlie, Jamieson, and Allora Williams, and Paige Whitener. She is also survived by her sister, Barbara (Renn) Plunkett and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at First Baptist Church of Greater Toledo on Friday, October 30, 2015 at 10:30 AM where friends can visit from 10:00 to 10:30 AM. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the First Baptist Church of Greater Toledo Endowment Fund or the Wayne and Virginia Kohn Student Intern and Lay Education Fund. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Ansberg-West Funeral Directors. To send the family online condolences, please visit www.ansberg-west.com

Comments



“ It is quite evident that Virginia Kohn was a wonderful person who loved her family very much. She left a legacy of love of family, compassion, living for Jesus, and striving to be more like Him. She and her husband, Wayne, taught their daughter, Chris, how to live a Godly life, and in turn, Chris and Tom taught their values to their daughter, Stephanie. We are extremely grateful that our son, Adam, was blessed to have Virginia Kahn in his life.

Tom and Sherry Shelton - October 27, 2015 at 11:46 PM



“ Stephanie, to you and your family we would like to send our sincerest condolences. Your grandmother is in a much better place now and she's much luckier than we are. We can all live to please God and see our loved ones, again in heaven. We love you and will be praying for your family to be strong during this time of sadness.

Cynthia & Emmett McClure - October 27, 2015 at 11:04 AM



“ My condolence to the family. Will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Met Ginny in Towne Club a few years back. Then met up again with both Wayne and Ginny at first baptist church. Truly a wonderful couple. RIP

Mary Stec - October 26, 2015 at 09:42 PM