



## Aralina Deloris (DePolo) Ferrella

April 13, 1925 - November 28, 2021

Aralina Deloris (DePolo) Ferrella, 96, of Toledo, OH passed away peacefully on November 28, 2021. She was born in Harrison County, WV on April 13, 1925. She attended Roosevelt Wilson High School in Clarksburg, WV, where she was a cheerleader and creative talent. At 17 years old, she worked on WWII B-24 Liberators as a “Rosie the Riveter” at Willow Run in Ypsilanti, MI.

Aralina married her high school sweetheart James Francis Ferrella, following his return from WWII, and moved to Detroit, MI eventually settling in Dearborn Heights, MI. She was a devoted wife and mother, celebrating 65 years of marriage and raising three children. Following a promotion, James and Aralina moved the family to Toledo, OH, residing for 51 years.

Attending the Toledo Museum of Art School of Design for more than a decade, Aralina adored her art studio in Toledo’s Collingwood Art Center. She was a mixed media artist, and was known to her instructors as “Mother Earth,” her son Andre’s university art students as “The Mountaineer Artist,” and in a 2015 Toledo Blade article as “A Creative Spirit.” She had several museum exhibitions and was collected. Aralina loved the arts, and instilled its value in her children. She was also an exceptional cook, seamstress, and gardener.

Left to cherish her memory are children Andre of Madison, WI, Thomas of

Madison, WI, and Tressa of Chicago, IL; grandchildren Maia (Paul) Schwartz, Zachary Reinhart-Ferrella, and Cyra Henn-Ferrella; great grandchildren Siena and Cameron Schwartz; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and neighbors.

She is preceded in death by her husband (1925-2017), and parents Pete and Theresa (Lucente) DePolo; sisters Victoria (Perullo), Louise (Merrill), and Rose (Carrieri), and brothers Theodore, Johnny, Frank, Louie, and Pete Jr.

A mausoleum interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Clarksburg, WV. In spring 2022, a mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Stonewood, WV.

# Cemetery Details

## **Holy Cross Cemetery**

Clarksburg, WV