



E. Carolyn "Bobbie" Mobley

July 11, 1924 - April 14, 2026

E. Carolyn Amelia Merle Mobley "Bobbie", 101 years old, was called home to heaven peacefully on April 14, 2026. She was born in Toledo, OH on July 11, 1924, to Ralph and Bertha (Marquardt) Merle. The family moved to Genoa, OH where Carolyn graduated from Genoa Clay High School.

After high school, Carolyn worked at Camp Perry Army Depot where, at 19, she met her future husband, James L. Mobley. It was "love at first sight" according to Mrs. Mobley. Carolyn then attended Stautzenberger Business College for two years, graduating after a two-year secretarial course while waiting for her future husband to return from WWII. They married on March 2, 1946. William and Daniel were born on Army bases and then they settled in Toledo, OH, where they raised their four children.

Carolyn went back to work in 1961 at Jobst Institute on Miami St. in Toledo, where she was the executive secretary to Carolyn Jobst Gottfried for 16 years. The company made the first version of what is now a support stocking. The Jobst Tower at ProMedica Toledo Hospital was later named for Conrad Jobst who invented the elastic support stockings.

In 1987, Carolyn left the Toledo area to make sunny South Florida her home, where she lived for over 30 years. She worked as a food demonstration lady at the local Publix grocery store for many years. She retired at age 96. At the

store, she made many acquaintances and stated that she “watched some of the children grow up” as the families shopped week after week.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents; son, Daniel M. Mobley (KIA – Vietnam), making her a Gold Star Mother; her beloved husband, “Jimmy” Mobley; brothers, Arthur, Clifford, Johnny and Ernest Merle; sisters, Bernice, Adeline, and Geraldine Merle. She is survived by her sons, William and David; daughter, Diane Mobley Kibbey; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

The family wishes to extend heartfelt appreciation to the staff and residents of Alpine House of Toledo and Care 360 Hospice who made this difficult time more bearable with their outstanding care and love.

Family and friends are invited to visit on Thursday, April 23, 2026, from 3:00pm – 8:00pm at Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 W. Sylvania Ave. A memorial service will be held at the funeral home on Friday, April 24, 2026, at 11:00am. Interment will follow at Historic Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

Historic Woodlawn Cemetery

1502 W Central Ave
Toledo, OH 43606

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home
3000 W. Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43613

Memorial Service

APR **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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3000 W. Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43613

Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Bobbie was one of my Merle sisters that I enjoyed so much. Whenever our family visited her family in Toledo, we always had a loving and fun time. Uncle Jim and all of the kids made the visits memorable and precious! Please say "Hi" to my Mother Bernice!!!

David LaPlantz - April 25 at 10:31 AM

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“ My name is Dave Evans. I knew the Mobley family well, as I lived around the corner from them in the 50s. Danny was a buddy of mine, I was in the Marines in Vietnam when my mother wrote me of his death, I remember going to Mobley house, what a perfect family, sorry for your loss....

Dave Evans - April 23 at 07:24 AM