



Gertrude Josephine Okapal

September 10, 1921 - February 25, 2011

Gertrude Josephine "Trudy" Okapal, 89, passed away on February 25, 2011, at Hospice of NW Ohio in, Toledo. She was born September 10, 1921, in Toledo, OH to Ludwig and Mary Ann (Schiesl) Nirschl. Gertrude graduated from Woodward High School and took continuing education classes at UT, where she was the Clerical Supervisor in the Scott Park Television Services Dept. from 1968 to 1982. In addition to other clerical and retail sales positions in the area, she worked at Willy' Jeep typing government orders from 1941 to 1946. She was also very active at the Eleanor Kahle Senior Center for many years. While Trudy was small in stature, she was well known for her sense of humor, love of animals, willingness to do new things, energy, compassion and dedication to her Christian faith, family and friends. Gertrude married John A. Okapal after WWII, and he passed away in 1979. She is survived by her children; James (Kim) Okapal, Thomas Okapal and Carol Fisher; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and her sisters, Agnes Pieczkowski and Carol Nirschl are active and reside in Toledo. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, John and sister, Mary. Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Monday, at the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania, Avenue, (419) 472-7633, where the rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Visitation will also be held from 9 a.m. Tuesday until the Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at Christ the King Church. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery next to her husband, John. Memorials may be made to the Christ the King Church, American Cancer Society or Hospice of Northwest OH.

Tribute Wall

OC

“ *May you feel God's comforting presence during this time of sorrow. You are in my thoughts & prayers. It was a privilege to help care for Trudy while she was @ the hospice center.*

Odette Rolon, RN, CHPN - chpnrn@centurylink.net chpnrn@centurylink.net -
February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *My condolences to Mrs. Trudy Okapal and family. upon reading her obituary in the Toledo Blade, I noticed her parents were Ludwig and Mary Ann Nirschl. I've been doing Geneology for the past four years and have some pictures and documents that I'd like to share with Mrs. Okapals sisters as well as her children. I have the original photo of Ludwig's sister Anna (Nirschl) Dreher Gfell (my great great grandmother) from 1893. As well a photo of Carl Dreher (my great uncle) who was the son of Anna Nirschl Gfell and the witness to Ludwig and Mary Ann 's wedding on 2-5-1918, and the marriage document from St. Mary's Catholic Church. I also have a copy of the 1913 shipslist documenting Ludwig's trip from Germany to America. and other pictures and documents. Again I am very sorry for your loss.*

Marc A. Mason - madonna.grds@yahoo.com madonna.grds@yahoo.com -
February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Carol, We are very sorry to hear about your mom and hope that you are doing okay. You and your mom had a very special relationship that you will always be able to remember and cherish. You have another angel in heaven looking down on you now. Love and prayers, Jude, James and Owen*

James, Judith and Owen Hancock - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ We are sorry for your loss and are prayers are always with you and your family.

The Doerners - doernerjay@yahoo.com doernerjay@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Grandma, your caring love for all of us will never be forgotten. I will always remember the times as children when my brother and i would stay over at her house on saturday evenings and have a great time being with her. It wasn't too unusual for us to eat alot of ice cream and then stay up until 3am watching scary movies on tv and then be up a few hours later to head to church on Sunday morning. My brother and i may have wanted to sleep-in, but her passion for her faith got us up out of our beds and into the car to head to mass. She had so much energy for life, and we all enjoyed hearing the stories from her own youth. Sometimes my cousins, brother and i would be singing or having fun playing at her house while tape recording it, and then we'd all somehow get into trouble or start fighting. We'd then replay the tape to hear Grandma scolding us, which we all thought was hilarious. It even got Grandma laughing afterwards. It was a very fun time that we have always remembered and tend to bring up nearly every Christmas time when we're all together. Being that i'm near my 40's now, it goes to show how enduring the fun memories have been. We will always love and miss her. She's in a much better place and we'll all be together again in time. We all love you Grandma.

Jim Okapal - KnightVision71@yahoo.com KnightVision71@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ *Trudy has had a wonderful life. We will always have fond memories of our younger days visiting in Toledo. She will be missed by all of us but we know she will now rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Brother-in-law Frank and family.*

Frank Kalisik Family - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *I have known Mrs. Okapal it seems all my life. Her daughter Carol and I went to grade school together and have been best friends for years. I have so many wonderful memories of Gert. Sleepovers at their home, holidays, summer cookouts and of course the Elvis concert! She was the sweetest, friendliest person you would ever want to meet. She was so gentle, supportive, generous and had a true Christian spirit. And boy was she funny! She was like a second mother to me. Brian and I wish to extend our sympathy to all her family. She will be missed but heaven truly has a new angel watching over us. All our love, Brian and Charlene McMullen*

Charlene McMullen - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM