



Katheryn Laird

October 6, 1928 - November 1, 2020

On November 1, 2020, Katheryn C. Laird, at age 92, joined her family in God's Kingdom. Katheryn passed peacefully from this life at the Ebeid Hospice Center of Flower Hospital. She was the 2nd daughter of Rollie H Crothers. and Fleta Shumaker of Garrett, Indiana, born Oct 6, 1928.

The family moved from Indiana during the depression, as her father was transferred to Toledo, Ohio, from Garrett for his work with the B & O Railroad in 1938. Katheryn "Katy", graduate of Delvilbis High School and The University of Toledo where she majored in both Journalism and Education. Katy continued to add to her passion of lifelong learning at Lourdes College.

Katy worked the majority of her career for the Toledo Public Schools, with over thirty years teaching 6th grade at Longfellow School. She laughingly stated, I taught three generations of Toledo families, I started on the top floor and worked my way out the door on the first floor.

While attending Toledo University she proudly was a Chi Omega. Katy married her husband, John A. Laird in 1954 in Toledo, Ohio. They were lifelong golfers and longtime members of Valleywood Golf course in Swanton, Ohio. Katherine was a 50-year member of Pilgrim Church on Sylvania Ave. In retirement, John and Katy enjoyed traveling the world, visiting every continent and in 2004, together they circled the globe on an 80-day exploration aboard

the Princess Cruise line.

Katheryn was preceded in death by her younger sister, Dorothy, her parents, Rollie and Fleta, her step-brother, Joseph, and husband, John, in 2009. She leaves behind to cherish her memory, her older sister, Mary Jane Spencer-Hulme, her nephews, Michael and James, her numerous students, and Chi Omega sisters.

Due to current conditions, services will be held privately and her ashes will be interred at sea, as were her wishes. She was a descendent of Mayflower pioneers.

The family wishes to express their gratitude for her care to West Park Place and in her final days at the Ebeid Hospice Center.

If desired donations may be made in her memory, please send to Ebeid Hospice or Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

Tribute Wall

SG

“ My sincere sympathy to Mary Jane and family on the passing of Katheryn. She was my 6th Grade Teacher at Longfellow in 1963-1964 and my favorite teacher. I remember her as a very kind and caring teacher who knew how to manage a classroom. She earned the respect of her students. I remember that she would always wear a pretty pin on her dress or jacket. I have thought of her though the years. May God bless her beautiful soul.

Sally Grether

Sally Grether - November 30, 2020 at 01:57 PM

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“ Katy was my mom's 1st Cousin. Living close for many years made Katy and John's a favorite visit. In the summer of 1965, I got a job in coal supply at the nearby electric plant in Erie, MI. Katy and John offered to rent me the upstairs/attic room for the summer. That was a rough summer as my mother passed away. I remember how supportive Katy and John were to get me through that. And then, at the end of the summer, unexpectedly, they gave me all my rent money back to help pay for my 1st year of college. Too, Katy's teaching was one of the influences that helped me become a school teacher, for which I will ever be thankful. I miss you so much. Love, Tommy

Tommy Miller - November 25, 2020 at 07:33 PM

JH

“ So sorry to read about Katy's passing. My sympathy to both Mary Jane and Joe.

Judy Masiker Hopkins

Judy Masiker Hopkins - November 23, 2020 at 06:21 PM

NC

“ I was saddened to hear of Mrs. Laird's death just as I was sitting down to send her a Christmas card. Mrs. Laird was an exemplary teacher who cared about her students and their families. She saved examples of my and my sisters work and sent them to our parents years later. I was fortunate enough to have her friend Miss Gerald for 5th grade and Mrs Laird for 6th. Many of my friends and I kept in touch with them both. Mrs. Laird was a great example of how to live your life with kindness and caring. I shall miss her smile and how she was proud of her students and forever invested in how we all turned out. She touched so many lives.

Nancy Heffner Collins - November 22, 2020 at 12:11 PM