



## Mary Eileen (Schmitt) Martin Heferle

June 10, 1921 - April 11, 2021

Mary Eileen (Schmitt) Martin Heferle, 99, of Toledo OH, died April 11, 2021.

She was born June 10, 1921, in Sandusky OH and was the daughter of Joseph and Beatrice (Schoen) Schmitt.

Mary was renowned for her joy, energy, humor, thirst for knowledge and passion for living. As a young WWII widow with a small child, she moved back to her room in the family house on Castlewood Drive, where the Schmitt Family had moved in 1926, and worked at Willys Overland. After the war, she met and married Richard Heferle. They would build a new home two lots down from her family home, raise two more children, and live a happy life until Richard's death in 1997. Mary would continue to live on Castlewood until a few years ago, keeping an eye on the neighborhood, particularly the Gensler pool parties next door. She was proud to be the longest-serving member of The Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church parish...90+ years! ("I've become a pillar!")

She had a fervent and lifelong devotion to Mary, the Blessed Mother of Jesus. She was a voracious reader, a great lover of music and dance competition programs, an aggressive supporter of the Home Shopping Network, and a regular at the return counters at most area department stores. (She cherished her right to change her mind.) She adored jewelry...genuine or otherwise... and enjoyed her regular salon appointments with Sue (hair) and Lisa (nails). Some of her favorite days were filled with blissful hours at the family cottage on Vineyard Lake in Brooklyn MI, visiting her grandchildren in Ohio and

Minnesota, cheering on high school and college sporting events, making birthday cakes and amazing lemon meringue pies, and admiring the beautiful roses and other flowers which grew around her home.

She will be deeply missed and remembered by all as a lovely lady who lived a lovely life.

She is survived by her loving children, James O. Martin, III (Drew Jansen), Thomas Heferle (Kathleen Smith), and Nancy Zimmerman (James Jr.); by her grandchildren, James O. Martin, IV (Holly Amundson), Nora Martin, Aaron Martin, James Zimmerman, III (Erica), and Mary Zimmerman; by a sweet bunch of great-grandchildren; (and even one great-great granddaughter!); and by special nephew, Mike Schmitt; long-time neighbors, Debby and Randy Gensler; friends, Jim and Dee Noah; and countless other family and friends around the country. She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, James O. Martin, Jr. and Richard Heferle; and by brothers, Reginald (Marge), John (Rae), Michael (Jean) and Robert (Jeanette) and sisters, Dorothy Gedert (Ray), Marjorie Kerste (Ken), Veronica Stemple (Jack), Beatrice Antener (Gaylord), Lizzette King (Edward) and Rita, also known as Sr. Mary Michel, SND.

Family and friends are invited to visit Friday, April 23, from 3-7 p.m. at the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue, (between Secor and Douglas Roads), where the rosary will be recited at 4 p.m. Due to COVID-19 facial coverings and social distancing will be required. Visitation will also be held on Saturday, April 24, at 10 a.m. at the Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 2240 Castlewood Drive, Toledo, followed by the celebration of the Mass at 11 a.m.. To view a livestream of the service, [CLICK HERE \(https://venue.streamspot.com/fc256be5\)](https://venue.streamspot.com/fc256be5). Burial will be private. Memorials may be made to the Sisters of Notre Dame, St. Jude Children's Hospital, and the Most Blessed Sacrament Church, Toledo. The family would like to extend a special thanks to the caregivers at Flower Hospital.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

APR 23. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

### Rosary

APR 23. 4:00 PM (ET)

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

### Visitation

APR 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Most Blessed Sacrament Church  
2240 Castlewood Dr  
Toledo, OH 43613

## Mass of the Resurrection

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

Most Blessed Sacrament Church  
2240 Castlewood Dr  
Toledo, OH 43613

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ *This obituary is so fitting. Mary was such a loving woman and kind to our Uncle Gay, especially after the passing of Aunt Bea. My family had some enjoyable visits with Mary when we visited Uncle Gay. She did have a spirited disposition and always smiling. She will be missed.*

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**Sue and Tony Beavers** - April 30, 2021 at 03:46 PM

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“ *My sincere condolences to Jimmy, Drew and the entire family. I never had the pleasure of meeting Mary, though I think Jimmy reflects many of her good qualities that have been shared with me. Many hugs.*

*Walt Gorman*

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**Walter Gorman** - April 21, 2021 at 07:08 PM

MC

“ *This is a wonderful obituary and describes Mary to a T. I was explaining Mary to my daughter and mentioned the hair and nail appointments as well as her kind disposition. One time she invited me over for lunch but really wanted to show me her jewelry which was laid out on a table. She then explained each piece and if it had family significance. She had a jeweler's loupe so I could get a better idea for the value! We had such fun. She had a life well- lived and I know you will all miss her. Our sympathy- Al & Marcia Cox*

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**marcia cox** - April 19, 2021 at 03:09 PM

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“ *Mary is a Beautiful Lady who is now home and at Peace. I was lucky to enjoy her company at many Ottawa Hills sports. Gone, but not forgotten. Much Love- The Jarecki Family*

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**The Jarecki Family** - April 16, 2021 at 10:02 PM