



Rita C Hayes

August 31, 1924 - December 11, 2020

Rita Cecilia Hayes age 96 died peacefully on Friday December 11 at Sunset Village Nursing home where she was a resident for the past 6 ½ years. Born Rita Cecilia Fischbach to Cecelia and Joseph, Rita was raised in West Toledo. She graduated from Gesu Elementary School, St. Ursula Academy and Mary Manse College where she completed her Bachelor's degree in music.

Rita's early career began at Champion Spark Plugs and then as a portrait of color artist for John Hopkins Studios. Rita then pursued her love of music by working for Great Lakes piano and becoming a music teacher. Her musical career lasted many years into her retirement, teaching until she was 88. She followed in the footsteps of her mother by teaching private piano lessons. She taught students in their homes and eventually taught students in her own home. Many of her students were in Old Orchard, Ottawa Hills, West Toledo, and the Sylvania area. At one point in her career, she had over 110 private piano students. Her greatest joy came when she taught a student with one arm to beautifully play the piano. Rita also taught music at St. Pius X, St. Patrick of Heatherdowns, and Washington and Jefferson Jr. High.

She was a member of the Toledo Piano Teachers Association and the National Piano Teachers Association. In addition, Rita was a lifelong parishioner of Gesu Catholic Church where she was a former member of the

over 50 club and choir. Rita was also a member of the Westchester Dance Club and The Beta Sigma Phi National Sorority.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband William, son Eugene, sisters Regina Janowiecki and Margarget Mossing and many sisters and brother-in-law's. Surviving are her 5 daughters: Christine (Terrence) Flynn, Judith (Joe) Patitucci, Michelle Bauer, Marcia (Mark) Rubini, and Rita (Jake) Yoder. In addition she is survived by 9 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Rita was proud of her family and often commented that she didn't know what she would do if she didn't have her children.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a viewing (masks required) will take place on Saturday, December 19, 2020 at Gesu Catholic Church, Parkside Blvd, at 10:00 a.m., one hour prior to an 11:00 a.m. funeral mass. Final burial at Calvary Cemetery. Arrangements made through Ansberg West Funeral Home.

To view the video of Rita's Funeral Mass, please click here (<https://vimeo.com/499356258/8fe21d2c15>).

Those wishing to make donations are asked to consider St. Ursula Academy or Gesu Catholic Church.

The family would like to thank the staff at Sunset Village for the care they provided over the years.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2224 Dorr St
Toledo, OH 43607

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gesu Catholic Church
2049 Parkside Blvd.
Toledo, OH 43607

Mass of the Resurrection

DEC 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

EK

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Eric King - January 04, 2021 at 06:17 PM

AA

“ Mrs Hayes was my piano teacher for many years. I still sing songs in my head of pieces we would play (and use the correct finger movements on my imaginary piano). I loved my lessons and especially loved the times I would go to the big house in Old Orchard for my lessons. Was I at your Grandmother's? I loved both ladies and loved loved loved my years learning piano with Mrs. Hayes. Ann Miller Albert

Ann Albert - December 18, 2020 at 11:07 AM

KZ

“ Thoughts and Prayers to you Marcia, and Family...I know the pain of losing your MOM, May she Rest with the Angels, you are In my Prayers.....
Kathye Zaper.....

Kathye R Zaper - December 14, 2020 at 10:22 PM

CC

“ Our deepest sympathy to Mrs Hayes' family. My son is Tommy the young boy she taught with one arm. She was a wonderful teacher! We've talked of her often!

Chris Canham - December 14, 2020 at 01:57 PM

SC

“ Condolences to the Hayes family for the loss of a great woman. Rita was such a wonderful piano teacher for each of our four children. In addition to a weekly visit with piano instruction, she always supported them and built their confidence and self-esteem. She lived a long and wonderful life and we hope you will all be comforted with many happy memories.

Stu and Denise Cubbon

Stuart and Denise Cubbon - December 14, 2020 at 10:20 AM

CC

“ My condolences to the Hayes family at the passing of Mrs. Hayes. She was such a longtime steady customer of the music store where I had worked, buying piles of music books for her many piano students. She always came in with a smile and was such a pleasant customer. It would be hard to calculate how very many Toledo households enjoyed piano music because of her teaching!

Carole Ann Conyers

Carole Ann Conyers - December 13, 2020 at 09:49 PM

MC

“ Michelle and Marcia, my thoughts go out to you as you say goodbye to your mother! Prayers for all of your family as you grieve your loss!
Mary Jo Kesting Campbell

Mary Jo Kesting Campbell - December 13, 2020 at 12:56 PM

MB

“ *Rest in peace mom. Forever in our hearts.*
Michelle

Michelle Bauer - December 12, 2020 at 10:18 PM