



Violet A. Puhl

January 10, 1924 - August 30, 2022

Our mother, Violet A. (Keel) Puhl, 98, of Toledo, went home to Heaven on August 30, 2022 with her family at her side. Violet was born January 10, 1924 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She was one of seven children born to Eva Mae (Evans) and Armel Leroy Keel. She married Charles (Chuck) H. Puhl on July 20, 1946 and they remained together for 26 years until Charles' death on July 25, 1972. She devoted her life to her family.

She was a lifelong resident of Toledo. As a child of the Depression Era, she learned how to stretch a dime into a dollar. Before she married, she worked at various jobs, in her teens as an usherette at the Rivoli Theater, and at Champion Spark Plug during WWII. She left the workforce for several years to raise her five children. When her husband became ill in the early 70's, she went to work as a sales associate at Albert's Clothing Store and at Himmelhoch's Dress Shop in the newly built Franklin Park Mall. She continued working at various places, including Frontier Carry Out, Trio Cycle Shop, and as the store manager for King Liquidators from where she retired.

She was just 48 years old when her husband passed away and she was left to support her three youngest children alone. Her remarkable determination and grit got her through, along with support and assistance from her older children. She was stubborn and strong.

After retiring, she kept busy taking care of her many grandchildren and the children of great nieces and nephews or any other child that needed her. She always had a houseful of kids to keep her on her toes and has held every baby in her family. It kept her active and young.

She loved to crochet and knit and made sure each of the grandchildren got a handmade afghan or baby blanket. She went to breakfast every Saturday morning with her sisters even into her 80s. She never missed an opportunity to go camping with her daughter and son-in law. She loved jigsaw puzzles and word search puzzles. She also kept her mind busy reading a variety of books. She was still doing the word search puzzles right up until a few weeks before her death.

At the age of 80, she took over the full-time care of her newborn grandson, Jakob, and vowed to live long enough to see him graduate from high school. She got her way in May 2020 when she attended his high school graduation.

She is survived by her son, Christopher (Charlene), daughters, Barbara Gorsuch, Susan (Theron) Pollock, and Cynthia Ziegler (Chester Reynolds), daughter-in-law, Laurie Puhl; sister Nina A. Keel, 10 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, 13 great, great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews and extended family. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles; son, Charles, III; brothers, Jack C. Keel, Douglas R. Keel, Reginald V. Keel, and Gary C. Keel; sister Bernice B. Cole McRee; and great grandson, Kody Rogers.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Brittany, Joannie, and Sister Maxine of Kind Hearts for the gentle care and comfort they brought to Violet in her final years. Extra special thanks to her son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Charlene, for giving her a safe and loving home in her final years. Extra special thanks also to her granddaughters, Casey Jo, Nicole, Erica Lyn, and

Erica Mae for all the loving assistance they devoted to Violet's care.

Funeral arrangements will be handled by the Ansberg West Funeral Directors, 3000 West Sylvania Avenue, where visitation will be on Friday, September 2, 2022 from 2 pm to 8 pm, where a scripture service will be at 7:00pm. Interment will be Saturday at 10 am, Ottawa Hills Memorial Park.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Scripture Service

SEP 2. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

SEP 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

Ottawa Hills Memorial Park
4210 Central Ave
Toledo, OH 43606

Tribute Wall

NK

“ my beautiful sweet aunt Violet was called home at 98 years and eight months old! her children and my siblings were all raised like the same family we shared many memories much love I called them my sister and brother cousins the same blood runs in our veins what a beautiful combination of Keel and Puhl! she was the matriarch of her family Lord knows at 98 years old that she was getting tired and he rescued her in on his wings of angels she always had funny stories an interesting history about our lives and about our families and anytime I wanted to know something I always called her she knew the answer she saying Skidamarink a Dinky Doo and little lulu to me many times when I was little and as I grew up and moved away at 21 I came back every year and made sure I seen her went out to lunch or dinner or breakfast had pie and coffee or just went on a little road trip to go see her sister Bernice or just go to Bob Evans she loved Bob Evans I was able to FaceTime her and it was the most beautiful thing we laughed she smiled thank you Cyndie Zeigler for doing that for me I'm sorry I can't be up there with everyone but I am at peace and I know she's at peace love hugs and comfort to all of you it's so hard but not able to travel! make Christ peace that surpasses all understanding be with each and everyone of you during this difficult time of loss

Nanci Diane Keel - September 02, 2022 at 08:28 PM

JP

“ 1 file added to the album Violet A.(Keel) Puhl



Jackie Puhl - September 02, 2022 at 10:22 AM

MT

“ Barbara, Sue, Chris and Cindi
I am so sorry for the loss of your mother aka Mrs Puhl.
She was a wonderful person.
Knowing her when Sharon and I would come over when we were
kids and hang with you and Sue.
She is at peace with finally being with your Dad and Charlie. They
are watching over you guys now.
She will be sorely missed but fondly thought about.
RIP Mrs Puhl

Mari Conry Tank - September 01, 2022 at 09:11 AM

JK

“ I'm so sorry for the loss of this beautiful soul! She was with Jack
senior and Betty when My husband was born....she assisted with
his birth and was the first one to hold him. I'm sure Jack welcomed
aunt Violet through heaven's gates, just as she welcomed him to
life. Love you Aunt Violet ❤️

Jane Keel - August 31, 2022 at 09:23 PM

KG

“ Barbara, your mom sounds like a remarkable women, raising her
three children after your fathers death and at 80 took on being full
time caregiver again. My prayers are with you and your family.
Karen Best class of 1970!

Karen Best Grant - August 31, 2022 at 08:29 PM

TA

“ Great Aunt Violet will always be in our heart...she helped us raise our boys from birth until in school full time and after school...we loved her so much! The boys will always called her Grandma Vi because she didn't want them to feel different then all the grandkids she watched at the same time, up to 10 at once some days...she will always be special to us all. Thoughts and prayers to my cousins we love you always Keith and Tammi McCormick and our Boyz (still have their blankets she made)

Tammi - August 31, 2022 at 08:18 PM