



Cecelia N. Kolesar

December 24, 1924 - January 7, 2022

Cecelia N. Kolesar, 97, of Willoughby, passed away Friday, January 7, 2022, at home, where she had lived for 65 years, surrounded by her family. She was born December 24, 1924, in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Charles and Cecelia Nicklas.

Cis, as she was known to her friends, grew up in Cleveland's near west side where she met her high school sweetheart, Bill, to whom she was devoted to in marriage for almost 50 years. Her family was always the central focus of her life and she never missed baptisms, birthdays, graduations, and weddings. She is fondly remembered for eagerly stepping out on the dance floor well into her early 90's sharing her joy of life and God's blessings.

A lover of sports, early in life she was adept at volleyball, bowling, and ping pong. Cis was also a devoted Browns and Indians fan but more so for her children and grandchildren's sporting events throughout grade school, high school, and college where her attendance spanned decades.

Cis also loved people, shopping, and gift-giving. She found her career match in retail sales working for Traveler's Luggage Shoppes where she worked for 40 years through her 85th year before the store's closing in Beachwood. Never one to be idle, she continued her retail activity by volunteering at Lake West Hospital's gift shop for ten years.

For fun she especially enjoyed Silver Sneakers, dining, and shopping excursions into Ohio's Amish country, often returning with unique gifts for loved ones and special memories with her daughters.

Throughout her life Cis faithfully attended mass and believed in the power of prayer. She was an inspiration to many in her care for her husband in his final years and spoke often of the abundance of blessings through family that she had received.

Survivors include her children, Kathie Kolesar, (Lynn Dinehart, best friend), Nancie (Jerry)

Preyss, William (Debbie) Kolesar and David (Jan) Kolesar; grandchildren, Kate, Ben, Lauren, Rachel, Matthew, Adam, Courtney, Billy, Ryan, Kylee, and Kelsey; 20 great grandchildren; sister-in-law, Peggy (Bill) Putich of Brecksville; God daughter, Suzie Kisling (nee: Putich) and many nieces, nephews, and other loving family members.

Preceding Cecelia in death are her husband, J. William Kolesar; 4 sisters, and infant grandson, Baby Kolesar.

A Memorial Mass will be held in Cecelia's honor on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 11:30 am at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 7575 Bellflower Rd., Mentor, Ohio 44060. Please meet at the church. The mass will be livestreamed on the church's website, www.facebook.com/Saint-John-Vianney-Pastors-Page-102858731355678/videos/

A private family entombment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park will take place later.

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve, P.O. Box 72101, Cleveland 44192 donate online at www.hospicewr.org

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

JAN 12. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
7575 Bellflower Road
Mentor, OH 44060

Tribute Wall

LO

“ Dear Kolesar Family,

Cis was a precious volunteer at West, greeting everyone with her warm smile, treating every customer as if they were her only one. I learned a tremendous amount about customer service from her...she wrapped every interaction with genuine care. She is sorely missed, heaven has received a most wonderful addition. There are no words for her legacy, may the family find comfort in knowing she left an indelible mark on this world. May she rest in peace in the arms of Jesus.

Loretta Kruse - Lake Volunteer Off. - January 12 at 10:11 AM

FS

“ Dear friends,

It was always nice going into the gift shop at Lake West and seeing a smiling face and receiving a warm welcome from Cecelia! She made for a wonderful volunteer at our hospital. Now she is being welcomed to our Lord in heavenly peace. May she rest in peace. May all of you receive our Lord's comfort in your time of mourning and loss. Cecelia is being remembered in my daily prayers and Masses. God's peace be with you all.

Father Greg Schaut - January 11 at 08:00 AM

JC

“ I was honored to share four outstanding grandchildren with Cis. We were affectionately known as Grandma K and Grandma C. She will be missed.

Judy Carrigan - January 10 at 04:45 PM

DH

“ Her passing brings to mind all the sweet memories of living and growing up on Gardenside Drive...July 4th bike parades, softball games, trick or treating etc. Those were precious times then and we were so lucky to live and grow among such families as the Kolesars.

We knew we were safe on our street. Deepest sympathy on our loss of this fine lady and neighbor.

Darlene Hardwick - January 10 at 12:59 PM

SO

“ I am saddened at her passing. She was a kind and gracious woman. I am so glad to have seen her in July. I will treasure my memories of her.

Sandy O'Neill - January 09 at 05:17 PM

RP

“ As long-time neighbor's of Bill and Deb, we would often see Mrs. Kolesar during her visits or at extended family gatherings. She was always friendly and witty and we were amazed at how active and mentally sharp she remained well into her late years. We feel blessed to have known her. Our sincere condolences to the family. Keep her memories alive.

Rich & Janet Peterson

Rich Peterson - January 09 at 02:23 PM

SB

“ My deepest condolences in the loss of your mom. I have so many fond memories of our time together on Gardenside Drive. She was a good neighbor to my parents and a good friend. I am so glad that I was able to talk with her in July. It was as if no time had passed. She will be greatly missed by all. God bless and comfort all of you.

Love - Sharon Bassett



Sharon Bassett - January 09 at 12:30 PM