



Alice P. Kretz

March 12, 1930 - December 18, 2020

Alice P. (nee Burns) Kretz, age 90 of Mentor, passed away peacefully Friday, December 18, 2020 at the David Simpson Hospice House, Cleveland, OH. She was born March 12, 1930 in Chicago, IL.

Alice loved nothing more than to be surrounded by her family and friends. She loved everyone, enjoyed celebrations, and her generosity knew no bounds. She was a devoted daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt, grandma, and great-grandma. She was known for sending cards (including her \$2 bills), holiday decorating, and entertaining. Alice was an active member of both St. John Vianney Church in Mentor and previously, St. Paschal Baylon in Highland Hts.

Alice devoted much of her time to The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC). She was the secretary of their fundraising club for 32 years. Her brother, Father Tom Burns, worked as a priest and missionary in Papua New Guinea during those same 32 years. MSC holds a very special place in Alice's heart and she often became lifelong friends with the donors by faithfully writing cards and letters.

Alice is survived by her husband of 67 years, Albert P. Kretz, Jr; children, Cathleen Van Wassen, Albert P. (Diane) Kretz III, and Colleen (James) Gallagher; grandchildren, Matthew (Kari), Krista, Kevin (Stevie), Kyle (Cassidy Foulk), Keith, Katie (Kai Vogeler), Erin and Andrew; and great-grandchildren,

Sadie, Mia, Renley, and Colton.

Preceding her in death are her parents, Thomas and Helen Burns; and son-in-law, David Van Wassen.

The family will receive friends from 12:30-1 pm Wednesday, December 23, 2020, at St. John Vianney Church, 7575 Bellflower Road, Mentor, OH 44060.

The funeral mass will begin at 1 pm at the church. Masks are required and social distancing is encouraged during all publicly attended events.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be sent to The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart at <https://www.misacor-usa.org/donations/>

The Mass of Christian Burial for Alice will be live-streamed at 1 pm and can be accessed by visiting www.sjvmentor.org

Interment will follow in Mentor Cemetery, Mentor, OH.

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Mentor, OH.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Rd.
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 974-5733

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **23**. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
7575 Bellflower Road
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-0600

Funeral Mass

DEC **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My heartfelt and loving affection to all the family. You all have been wonderful during this sorrow. You were a blessing to Alice as she was a blessing to me. I will miss her beyond measure. Alice was the best big sister in the world.*

xxxxx's

Carol

Carol Kalas - December 26, 2020 at 03:50 PM

DA

“ *Dearest Al and family,
My deepest condolences in the passing of dear Alice. She and I met many many years ago at a SJV Women's Renewal and she's remained a "friend of my heart " ever since. She was a kind, loving, gracious lady with her sincerity and love reflecting in her eyes. I have been so blessed to have known her and will always hold her in a corner of my heart ❤️. Rest peacefully with the angels in heaven dear Alice. 🙏🏻✝️💖*

Love, Donna Antenucci

Donna Antenucci - December 23, 2020 at 03:40 PM

MM

“ *Our deepest condolences go to Al and the Kretz family. Knowing Alice was a great pleasure and our visit to the Kretzes last year will remain a favorite memory.*

Mariann K. & Raymond Mannarelli - December 23, 2020 at 01:43 PM

MB

“ Alice was my big Sister and we just always were together, first as small children Sisters, then teenagers and young marrieds and finally old ladies; and in every phase of this life I have loved her and been in awe of her love for me. We shared school, clothes as teenagers and lots of trips to North Ave Beach in the summer. I was always allowed to be with her and her friends and she was the kindest, most generous, and loving Sister.. I will miss her greatly but am so happy for her Peace in the Lord . I have visions of how Mom and Dad welcomed her as she entered Heaven. Other Sister Memories flood my waking and sleeping time, and I am happy for them all.. Thanks for sharing LIFE with me Ally. I will always love you...Enjoy Heaven! Mary

Mary Barrett - December 22, 2020 at 10:28 PM

GK

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Gary Kalas - December 22, 2020 at 05:27 PM

JB

“ Aunt Ally and I had a special relationship that I’m not sure how it came to be. But through it she helped me through some tough times being the happiest person I’ll ever know! The famous “ oh honey” every time I shared something exciting with her made my day even greater. She will forever be in my heart. I made this for her and I’ll tell you that when I finished I think she was watching because at that very moment the Sun shined with such brightness and warmth right where I was in between the clouds and I knew she loved it. I miss her but she had an amazing life with family and friends and was loved by all and now is with god watching over us and loving us even more.



Josh Barrett - December 22, 2020 at 02:40 PM

CG

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Colleen Gallagher - December 22, 2020 at 01:22 PM

EC

What a beautiful family!! We are all mourning our sweet kind Alice, one of our Magnolia Sisters!! May God hold your in the Palm of His hand for ever!

*With our deepest sympathy,
Elaine & Lou Chorich*

Elaine Chorich - December 26, 2020 at 01:58 PM



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Colleen Gallagher - December 22, 2020 at 01:19 PM



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Cathy Van Wassen - December 21, 2020 at 10:50 PM