



## Barbara E. (Smith) Panich

January 2, 2015

Barbara E. (Smith) Panich, age 91, of Willoughby, Ohio passed away on Friday, January 2, 2015 at the Hospice of the Western Reserve of cancer-related complications. Barbara was born in Redbank Township, Clarion County, Pennsylvania and moved to the Cleveland area in her early teens.

She attended Shaw High School in East Cleveland, graduated at age 16 and was employed at Reliance Electric and later at Bailey Meter Company. While at Bailey Meter Company she met her future husband, Michael. They were married in 1943 while her husband was a B-25 pilot in the Army Air Corps. After WWII she worked to support the family while her husband attended Case Institute of Technology. She later became a full time homemaker, raising her children first in East Cleveland, then Willowick, Mayfield Heights, and Willoughby.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Jane Mezzie, Mary Collister, Linda Fatica and her brothers Thomas Smith, William Smith and Neil Smith, and her husband Michael Panich.

Survivors include her four children, Michael (Janet) Panich of Columbia, MD, David Panich (Pam Bertram Keeney) of Framingham, MA, Scott (Sue) Panich of Mentor, and Mary Beth Panich of Willoughby, grandchildren Stephanie Meury of Fairfield, CT, Kerry O'Dell of Charlotte, NC, Lee Panich of Santa

Clara, CA, Bryan Panich of Mentor, and Bethany Gray of Painesville, and great grandchildren, Ryan, Kyle and Caroline Meury, Sean and Kevin O'Dell, and Tessa and Oliver Panich. She is also remembered fondly by her siblings' children including Michael Fatica of Mentor and Craig Collister of Eastlake.

A private memorial service will be held at a future date.

In memory of Barbara, contributions in her name may be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve, 17876 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44110.

Arrangements entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com)