



## Dorothy J. Mihalick

June 10, 1929 - December 9, 2020

Dorothy J. Mihalick age 91 of Wickliffe, died Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at her daughter's residence in Mentor. She was born June 10, 1929, in Dunlo, PA.

Our beloved mother, Dorothy was a strong resilient woman who instilled those same values in her four daughters, which she raised by herself due to the untimely death of her beloved husband Lt. Col. James J. Mihalick. He was killed in a U.S. Air Force accident at the age of 39. After losing the love of her life, Dorothy persevered through the challenges of raising a family on her own. She was the matriarch of our family blending care, compassion with high expectations of those around her. She was meticulous in all she did and found great joy working in her yard.

She was always dressed to perfection. Along with being a dedicated homemaker, Dorothy worked 26 years at Higbee's. As a family tradition, she loved to bake nut bread, Kolaczki cookies, stuffed cabbage, and make her famous cheese ball for our family gatherings. Her favorite things were walking on the beach on a quiet evening and listening to Polka music. Dorothy valued her family with unconditional love. The excitement and challenges of an Air Force life coupled with the many years as a single mother built the strong resilient woman we loved. Coffee and long conversations in the kitchen will be missed. We will miss her laugh, her hugs, her passion for the Cleveland

Indians, especially Omar Vizquel and Jason Kipnis. We will miss “Mother”, our pillar of strength, the heart of our family.

Survivors include her daughters: Francie (Ed) Pauline, Susan Needham, Loretta (Kerry) Keipert, and Dorothy (Gary) Cantrell, grandchildren: Eddie (Lindsey) Pauline, Jason (Kathleen) Pauline, John and Rebecca Needham, Elyse (Al) Nystrom, Joseph (Lydia) Keipert, Jared (Melanie) Keipert, James (Stephanie) Cantrell and Jeremy (Fiancee: Miranda Patton) Cantrell, 7 great-grandchildren: Edward, Charles, Estella, Ronen, Gunnar, Reese and Declan, siblings: Mary Jane Dennis, Patrick, Bernard Edward, Francis, and Dennis Grattan .

Preceding Dorothy in death are her husband: Lt. Col. James J. Mihalick, parents: Lawrence and Frances Grattan, and sisters: Alda Kovalsky and Caroline Rachel.

A funeral mass will be 1:30 pm Monday, December 14, 2020, at St. John Vianney Church, 7575 Bellflower Rd. Mentor, OH. 44060. Masks are required and social distancing is encouraged during all publicly attended events.

Interment will be in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon, OH.

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

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105, or to the Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, Florida 32256.

Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).



# Cemetery Details

## All Souls Cemetery

10366 Chardon Rd.  
Chardon, OH 44024  
(800) 582-6850

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

DEC 14. 1:30 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Dorothy J. Mihalick.*



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December 13, 2020 at 08:29 PM



“ *Grandma, you were the matriarch of this family. Words simply can't convey the love we have for you and the pain we are enduring. The impact you had on our lives will never be forgotten and it is our duty to carry on your legacy for generations to come. You are already so greatly missed, and what I wouldn't give to give you a hug and hear you say "I love you, Jeremy" one more time. I find peace in knowing you're with grandpa Jim after so many years. You've finally been reunited with your one true love. Please watch over us and give us your strength, for we will certainly need it. I'll always love you more, grandma! My you rest peacefully you beautiful soul.*

*Love your grandson,  
Jeremy Cantrell*



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**Jeremy Cantrell** - December 13, 2020 at 01:10 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy J. Mihalick.* ”



December 13, 2020 at 12:57 AM



“ *Rest peacefully, my beautiful Godmother...* ”



**Kathy Regan, Goddaughter** - December 12, 2020 at 03:06 PM



“ *Brother Pat, Patrick Jr., and Juliann Grattan purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Dorothy J. Mihalick.* ”



**Brother Pat, Patrick Jr., and Juliann Grattan** - December 12, 2020 at 02:18 PM



“ *Adoring Heart was purchased for the family of Dorothy J. Mihalick.* ”



December 12, 2020 at 12:53 PM

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“ Aunt Dorothy, my Godmother, was a beautiful, loving, caring person, whom I gratefully admired, for her resilience to continue to raise her family with all the love that she held within her heart from Uncle Jim, the love of her life.. I will truly miss her laugh, she was a blessing to have had her in my life..Rest peacefully my beautiful Aunt Dorothy, loved you and forever in my heart..Kathy

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**Kathy Regan, Goddaughter** - December 12, 2020 at 11:44 AM

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*Greatly admired*

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**Kathy Regan, Goddaughter** - December 12, 2020 at 03:13 PM