



## Leona Bugada Sovey

August 23, 1932 - January 12, 2021

Leona Bugada Sovey, age 88, of Chardon, died Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at Maplewood at Chardon, Chardon, OH. She was born August 23, 1932 in Cleveland, OH.

Survivors include her nieces: Ann Bugada and Mary (Philip) Haas, great-nieces: Madeline (Daniel) Sederholm and Jenna Haas, and step-daughters: Christine Golias and Donna Tropp. She was a joyful friend to many.

Preceding Leona in death are her husband of 26 years: Robert Sovey, parents: Leon and Josephine Bugada and brother: Robert (Genevieve) Bugada.

Lee grew up in the Slavic Village neighborhood and graduated from South High School.

She attended Kent State University where she obtained her Masters degree in Education. Lee was an enthusiastic and accomplished career educator with Euclid City Schools. She taught 5th grade at Upson Elementary and 2nd grade at Lincoln. She was committed to opening up young minds to the world through reading. She was widely recognized for her contributions and was a Martha Holden Jennings Award recipient. She retired in 1994.

Lee loved socializing with family and friends and was often the life of the party. She loved birthdays and holidays. She was generous with her time and support of her family and local causes. She was a Cleveland sports fan, cheering on the Indians and the Browns no matter what. Lee enjoyed travel; to the ocean, the mountains, or anywhere new. She and her husband, Bob,

enjoyed many happy seasons as Snowbirds in Naples, Florida. She loved trees, especially ancient oaks, royal palms and over decorated Christmas trees. She was blessed with a life well lived.

We will miss her joyful laugh.

Private family funeral mass was held at Divine Word Church, Kirtland, OH.

Please go to Lee's online obituary at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com) to view a webcast of her funeral mass at Divine word.

Private family entombment was held at All Souls Cemetary, Chardon, OH.

The family request contributions may be made to the Carmelite Nuns Monastery, 3176 Fairmount Blvd. Cleveland Hts, OH 44118.

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

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center created a Funeral Service in memory of Leona Bugada Sovey*



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**Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center** - January 19, 2021 at 01:55 PM

JK

“ *She was my 5th grade Teacher. She noticed I struggled in classes and took it upon herself to be my "Cheerleader". Because of her support I auditioned for the school choir and got chosen, later that school year she was my cheerleader again and convinced me to try out for All-City Choir and was chosen again. Without her I would have become a very different person. She was a blessing and she will be missed.*

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**Judy Kehres-Blackmore** - August 02, 2025 at 02:38 PM

DR

“ *Loved Miss Bugada as she was my 5th grade teacher at Upson Elementary in Euclid, OH in the late 60's. Probably one of my favorite teachers if not my favorite ever. I'm sure many other students of hers have the same sentiments. What a life well lived. So sorry for your loss. I know she is deeply missed. God bless you.*

*Sincerely, Donna (Szabo) Rowley*

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**Donna Rowley** - August 02, 2025 at 10:55 AM

JP

“ *What a great lady. She taught for many years with my mom, Sally Bohn at Upson. I was not lucky enough to be in her class but knew her well . Judy Bohn Perpar*

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**Judy Perpar** - January 25, 2021 at 07:08 PM

PB

“ *Ann, we are so sorry for your loss. We will keep you in our prayers.  
Pam Brown & Mike Sprinzl*

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**Pam Brown** - January 20, 2021 at 07:54 AM