



Mary L. (Kastelic) Okleson

June 2, 1927 - December 10, 2013

Mary L. (Kastelic) Okleson, 86, of Painesville Township and formerly of Euclid, died Dec. 10, 2013, at Hospice House in Cleveland.

Born June 2, 1927, in Cleveland, Mary's greatest passion was taking exquisite care of her yard and garden. She planted 100 evergreen saplings of different varieties at her own expense on state property, to obstruct the view of the newly built freeway ramp that abutted her home in Euclid. They are still there today, fully matured, for all to enjoy. Mary was also an excellent self-trained artist and craftsperson, working expertly in wood, ceramics, painting and sewing. She was an avid reader and participated in monthly book clubs. For many years after retirement, Mary served as a volunteer at both Lake East Hospital and Tri-Point Medical Centers in the gift shop.

Mrs. Okleson was a homemaker and also worked most of her life outside the home, retiring as an executive assistant for Rotor Tool in Euclid.

Survivors include her children, Michael (Dorothie) Okleson, Nancy Mancuso and Karen Okleson; and grandchildren, Leah, Erik, Alex and Lauren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold; parents, Frank and Mary Kastelic; and brothers, Frank "Doc" and Robert Kastelic.

Memorial Mass will be 10 a.m. Monday December 16, 2013 at St. Gabriel

Catholic Church, 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Road, Concord Township. Family will receive friends from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor.

A private inurnment will take place at a later date at All Souls Cemetery in Chardon Township.

Online obituary at www.brunners.com.