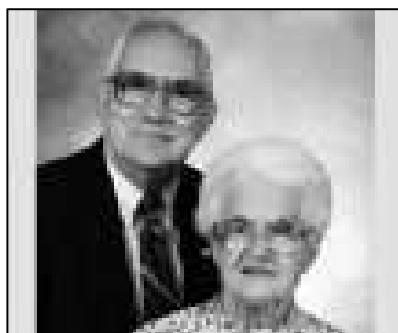


Carr, Mary Ethel Wagner 1922 - 2008



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Mary Ethel Carr

Perhaps deciding to spend Christmas in Heaven with her husband and three of her children, Mary Ethel Carr, 86, (nee Wagner), passed away Dec. 21, 2008 at the Village of St. Edwards where she was a resident.

Mary was born in Akron on May 7, 1922 to Casper and Ethel Mary (Arnold) Wagner. She was one of 11 children--the first girl born after five boys. As such, she helped raise her little sister and four younger brothers--something she never let anyone forget. Mary quit school after the 10th grade to help with the family income, working as a babysitter and house maid. She then joined the war effort as a "Rosie the Riveter" at Goodyear Aerospace. After World War II, Mary was working at Quaker Oats when she went on a blind date with a handsome GI, Harold Carr, they married seven months later on January 24, 1947 and quickly began their family.

Their first son, Gary, died of crib death at six weeks of age Dec. 23, 1947. They had Susan Lorraine within a year of Gary's death. Susan died at age 46. Their next son, Larry, died within an hour of birth. Harold and Mary spent 61 years together until his death August 22, 2008. Survivors include daughters, Jeanette Carr of Cleveland, Ruthann Carr and husband Jeff Carr of Palmyra, Va., and son, Andrew Carr of Loudonville; all were with Mary when she peacefully took her last breath. Mary is also survived by grandsons, Rudy Benjamin Robinson of Minneapolis, David Aaron Robinson of Newport News, Va.; granddaughters, Katie Carr of Loudonville, Bobbie Jo Stouffer of Philadelphia, Sarah Ann Robinson and her son David Benjamin Robinson of Akron; sister, Betty Bergdorf of Laughlin, Nevada; brothers, Edward "Bud" of California, Al of Akron, Arnie and Jerry of Cuyahoga Falls; and a host of in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews whose birthdays she never forgot.

Mary was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church working with the St. Monica's Guild and PTA. She volunteered as a Girl Scout leader with Sue's troop in 1958, and remained an active leader throughout the 1970's. Mary was a 50-year member of the girl Scout's Order of the Silver Trefoil. When she moved to her apartment at the Village of St. Ed's in 2002, Mary immersed herself in the activities, playing bingo, doing crafts, singing, reading at Mass and becoming the consummate jigsaw puzzle queen.

Calling hours will be 4 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, December 23rd at Dunn Quigley Funeral Home, 811 Grant St., Akron. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Coburn St. in Akron, (everyone please meet at the Church). Calling hours and burial will take place on Saturday at Bright's Chapel in Hendricks, W. Va.