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Irene Mary Stechschulte, age 86, formerly of Medford Dr., died Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at the Henderson House Assisted Living surrounded by her family.

Irene was born in Detroit, Michigan on March 14, 1922, the first daughter of Mary and Elmer Fleck. She grew up in Toledo, Ohio and graduated from Central Catholic High School. Irene attended Mary Manse College for two years prior to WWII. She returned to college after raising four children, and earned her degree in education from Mary Manse. She taught for 23 years at Our Lady Of Perpetual Help School, retiring in 1987. Irene loved teaching and preparing her students for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. She kept a record of every student she had over the course of her 23 years of teaching second grade written on index cards which she carried with her everywhere.

Irene was a former member of the Altar Rosary Society of St. Catherine Church in Toledo as well as serving 4 years at Christ the King Church in Denver. She was also active in the West Toledo K.C.Ettes and was a Eucharistic Minister at OLPH for 18 years. She and her husband enjoyed traveling with her family and friends, reading, gardening, playing bridge and

golfing. Irene loved to entertain at her beautiful home on Medford but most of all she loved devoting her time to her children and eight grandchildren.

Irene is survived by her loving children Earl "Joe" (Jo Anne), Thomas (Valerie) Stechschulte, Susan (William Plesec) Stechschulte, and Mary Rose (Lawrence) Pickett; grandchildren Joshua (Erica) Pickett, Erin (Dan Green) Pickett, Sarah (Nick Taylor) Pickett, Erica and Edward (Megan Dooley) Stechschulte, Elizabeth (David Daley) Plesec, Samantha Rose and Carl Jacob Stechschulte: great grandchildren Daniel Green and Kaylin Pickett and another on the way. She is also survived by her sister Vada (James) Justen and her sister-in-law Eileen Stechschulte.

Tribute Wall



“ Mrs. Stechschulte was one of the best teachers ever! She taught my aunt, uncle, me and my middle brother. Mrs. Stechschulte was strict, but was very nice, and very caring for her students. I will always remember the weeks leading up to our first communion, when we lived in the church practicing.##imported-begin##Chad Arthur 02/28/2009##imported-end##

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“ She was a great second grade teacher and truly left a bit of herself in all of us! God bless during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Joanne Dittman Fankhauser 02/28/2009##imported-end##

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“ Having just lost my mom about one month ago, I understand what you are going through. They are both now at peace and up in heaven talking up a storm! You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Take care.##imported-begin##Deb Sobczak 02/27/2009##imported-end##

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“ *Mrs. Stechschulte taught me to read. When I moved to OLPH in the 2nd grade, she was the first and the VERY best teacher of all.*

She changed so many of our lives and the world is a better place today because of her. Today, Heaven is even better with her there.

Your family is in our prayers.

Thank you Mrs. Stechschulte for all you have done for all those 2nd graders of days gone by.

*Joe Metzger###imported-begin##Joe Metzger
02/27/2009###imported-end##*

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“ *Mary Rose & Larry,*

So sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. From all the Bauers, God bless you and the whole family.

*Julie###imported-begin##Julie Bauer Kniseley
02/27/2009###imported-end##*

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“ My deepest sympathies on your loss. She was perhaps the finest teacher I ever had, and it was my great fortune to be one of her students. She seemed to have a will of iron but was always fair. It strikes me as the end of an era that honored respect and kindness. I was touched many years later when I ran into her while out shopping. She knew immediately who I was and it had been many years since she had retired. She will be deeply missed.

Sara Ashton Crosby##imported-begin##Sara Ashton Crosby
02/27/2009##imported-end##

February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mary Rose, Tom, Sue and Joe,

I am so sorry for your loss. Since I spent at least half of my childhood at your house, I have many wonderful memories of your mother's warm and generous spirit. I can still hear her laugh. She also just happened to make the best sugar cookies in the world. (Thankfully, I have her recipe.) You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Sandy##imported-begin##Sandy Albert 02/27/2009##imported-end##

February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Irene was so sweet and her smile and good nature will always be remembered. She will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Joe, Shirley and Eric Boyles##imported-begin##The Boyles Family
02/27/2009##imported-end##

February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to your family. She was my second grade teacher (a very long time ago) and one of the nicest teachers I ever had. She never forgot who I was. An icon that will be sorely missed.##imported-begin##Patty Donovan 02/27/2009##imported-end##

February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear SusieQ,Bill, Lizzy and extended family,
I am very sorry for your loss. Your mother sounded like a sweetheart who led a wonderful, service filled life. You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Love Sue, Joe and family##imported-begin##Sue Corsaro 02/27/2009##imported-end##

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