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Mary Catherine Fehlen passed away Sunday, June 22, 2008, at the age of 83, surrounded by her family. Born in Detroit, Michigan, to Leo and Helen Carroll on April 28, 1925, she spent both her childhood and adult life in Toledo.

After graduating from St. Ursula Academy in 1943, Mary Kay worked at Mercy Hospital. She married Robert Fehlen in 1947 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church after his return from his service in World War II. Together they raised 4 children and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1997, surrounded by more than 100 friends and family members.

Her service to others and dedication to her family and faith were focuses of her life. She served as president of the OLPH Altar Rosary Society, volunteered at Mercy Hospital, served as Program Chairman for the Mercy Guild, and supported the Little Sisters of the Poor. Current first Vice President of the Telephone Pioneers of America, she served on various fund raising projects and the Fellowship Committee. She was a member of the OLPH Choir for 50 years and also sang in the funeral choir. While raising 4 children,

she worked in the Educational Program at the American Cancer Society and conducted market research for Market Research of Toledo and National Family Opinion. Mary Kay will be remembered for her generosity and kindness, devotion to her family and friends and her never ending fighting spirit. She enjoyed traveling and spending time with her friends. Florida in the winter and Miley's Resort in the northern Michigan in the summer were two of her favorite destinations. One of her most memorable vacations was a trip to Ireland in 2004 with her son Tom to celebrate her Irish heritage. Regular outings with friends in the Birthday Group, the Tuesday Group and the Silver Dinner Club were very special to her.

Mary Kay was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Fehlen; parents, Leo and Helen Carroll; sister-in-law Vivian Miller; brothers-in-law, John Miller, Thomas Kanary and Andrew Good. Mary Kay is survived by her four children and their spouses, Marcia (Ken) Slivka, Bob (Mary Ann) Fehlen, Jr., Tom (Cheryl) Fehlen, and Jim (Jeanne) Fehlen; sister Suzanne Clark, sisters-in-law Norma Kanary and Ruth Good, and many nieces and nephews; her grandchildren Steve and Eric Slivka, Kristi (Brian) Cyre, Kevin (Susan) Fehlen, and Katie Fehlen, Taylor, Cole and Kyle Fehlen, Sarah and Michelle Fehlen and her great grandchildren Ryder and Brynn Cyre and Lane Fehlen.

Friends may call at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Road on Wednesday, June 25 from 2-8 p.m. The rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Funeral services will begin at the mortuary at 9:15 a.m. on June 26 followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery.