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WASSERMAN Martha Louise

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Martha Louise Wasserman, 85, died Friday, June 11, 2004, at home in Toledo, from complications of congestive heart failure. She was born February 11, 1919, in Tiffin OH, the daughter of Urban and Sophie Krupp. A 1937 graduate of Calvert High School, she married Raymond Wasserman in 1941.

During World War II she served as a secretary for the Tiffin Red Cross. She and her family moved to Toledo in 1953. She attended classes at Mary Manse College and began 46 years of dedicated service at St. Agnes School, first for three years as a teacher, then as the school secretary for 39 years, then for four years in the school's business office, formally retiring in 2003. In April 2004 she was inducted into the St. Agnes Parish Hall of Fame.

Martha loved being a member of the parish school community and treasured her working relationships through the tenures of five pastors of St. Agnes Church and five principals at St. Agnes School. Her priority was her family, and she rejoiced in celebrating family events together. Family and friends know of her joy in gardening, feeding birds daily in her backyard, and taking care of abandoned dogs. She maintained a lifelong respect for the Ursuline Sisters, her teachers and mentors, and was a founding member of the Ursuline Associates.

Martha was preceded in death by her husband, Ray; son, Thomas Raymond; daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Robert Bokerman. Surviving are her daughters, Maryann (Donald) Buckenmeyer, Toledo, and Ruth (Richard) Swierczek, Marietta, GA; sons, Thomas Charles (Marsha), Stillwater, MN, and Michael (Robin Konecki), Waterville OH; grandchildren, Jennifer Jenks, Boston, MA, Jonathan Jenks (Sarah Jenkins), Toledo, Brian and Kevin Swierczek, Marietta, Julie DeBolt, Los Angeles, CA, Martin (Hannelore) Buckenmeyer, Portland, OR; great-grandson, Austin DeBolt, Los Angeles and great-granddaughter, Lily Buckenmeyer, Portland. She is also survived by her sister, Sister Mary Rose Krupp, of the Toledo Ursulines.

The family would like to thank Hospice of Northwest OH, for their support and assistance in helping Martha spend her last days with her family at home.

She donated her body to the Medical College of OH. Visitors will be received at Blanchard Brothers Funeral Home, 1163 W Sylvania at Lockwood (419-478-2381) Ave., on Sunday from 3 to 8 p.m. A memorial Mass will be held at St. Agnes Church, 3891 Martha Ave., on Monday at 11 a.m.

The family asks that tributes be made to St. Agnes School or to the Ursuline Convent, 4045 Indian Rd.

(added by Jon Jay Shultz, June 13, 2004.)