



Josephine Barrord

July 4, 1926 - May 19, 2019

Josie Ray Barrord, 92, began her life July 4, 1926 with fireworks and had a spark and spirit that burned brightly throughout her life. She passed away May 19, 2019. Josie was a lifelong Alliance resident and the youngest of three children in the family of John Francis and Mary Kate (Farrell) Ray.

She attended St. Joseph School and graduated from Alliance High School. Josie was Secretary to the Plant Superintendent at Babcock & Wilcox Company, Tubular Products Division when she met the love of her life, Vincent Roche Barrord. They recently celebrated the 70th anniversary of their first date which was on St. Patrick's Day, 1949. They were married July 14, 1951 and welcomed four children into the world between 1952 and 1957.

Josie was an avid golfer and a keen competitor. She and Vince were members of the Alliance Country Club (ACC) for 60 years and the Lake Henry Golf and Tennis Club in Winterhaven, Florida for 25 years. She and Vince won the ACC Husband & Wife Tournament in 1969.

Her family was among the charter members of Regina Coeli Catholic Church where she was active in various women's groups. Josie lived her faith through action. In 1968, she and Vince, welcomed her elderly parents into their home and cared for them for more than eight years while raising their young family. She also faithfully assisted her ailing brother and many other family members and friends in need. Throughout her life, Josie was blessed with high energy, intelligence, spunk, humor and a continual sense of fun only exceeded by her completely selfless love for her family.

At 91, Josie was still cooking, driving, shopping and managing her household until December 2017 when she suffered a fall in her home. Since that time, she battled fiercely to recover. Her tenacity was an inspiration to her family as well as the many physicians who cared for her. The family would like to extend special gratitude to the physicians and medical professionals who treated her and the friends who prayed for her over the last 18 months. The family is also grateful to the members of the Homebound Ministry from Regina Coeli Church who faithfully brought her weekly Holy Communion.

Josie was especially proud of her Irish and Swiss heritage and was beloved as the Matriarch of her family and extended Farrell family clan. Survivors include her husband,

Vince and her children, Kathryn Jo Barrord Nagel of Brecksville, Vincent Ray Barrord of San Diego, California, John Francis (Julie) Barrord of Middletown and Mary Nell Barrord Gorski of Liberty Township, Ohio. She was especially proud of her nine grandchildren and was always up to date on what was happening in each of their lives. They include, Kathleen Gorski Alexander of Andover, MA, Jacqueline Nagel Selph of Baltimore, MD, Michelle Gorski Matusicky of New Albany, OH, John Vincent Barrord of Raleigh, NC, John Frederick Nagel of Bay City, MI, Kelly Barrord of Pittsburgh, PA, Michelle Barrord of Cincinnati, Jennifer Barrord of Cleveland and Elizabeth Barrord of Austin, TX. She warmly welcomed her grandchildren's husbands, Brenden Alexander, John Selph, Dan Matusicky and Kelly's fiancé, Jason Grose, into the family and especially delighted in her five great grandchildren, Sloan Josephine and Gus Alexander, Eilie and Vincent Matusicky and Paxton Selph. She is also survived by her sister, Betty Scaia and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her brother, John, and sisters-in-law Sara Barrord Rossberg and Mary Nell Barrord Koah. as well as sons-in-law Frederick Nagel and James Gorski.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Rev. Patrick Manning, PhD. on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. at Regina Coeli Catholic Church, Alliance with burial immediately following at St. Joseph Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29th at Sharer-Sterling Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Regina Coeli Elementary School Endowment Fund, 733 Fernwood Blvd., Alliance, OH 44141 or Covenant House, a shelter for homeless teens in New York City at CovenantHouse.org.

Cemetery

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

1215 E. State Street
Alliance, OH, 44601

Events

MAY **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Sharer-Stirling-Skivolocke Funeral Home
1000 South Union Avenue, Alliance, OH, US,
44601

MAY **Mass of Christian Burial** 11:30AM

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Regina Coeli Catholic Church
663 Fernwood Blvd., Alliance, OH, US, 44601

Comments



“ Kathy Jo, saddened to hear of your loss. I don't remember much about your Mom, except that she had grace and warmth. Please accept my condolences, friend.

JoAnne Kirkham Klemens - May 29 at 08:40 AM



“ Dear Kathy Jo,
My sincerest condolences to you and your family on the loss of your mother. May your
fond memories of her be a source of great comfort.
Mary (Caldwell) Dick

Mary Caldwell Dick - May 29 at 06:05 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Josephine Barrord.



May 28 at 10:44 AM



“ Wonderful person. Will miss her great smile and friendliness. SO NICE!

James Thoma - May 26 at 11:42 PM



“ The Rossberg cousins purchased the Glorious Grace Bouquet for the family of Josephine Barrord.



The Rossberg cousins - May 26 at 04:53 PM



“ My sympathies and love to the Barrord Family at this difficult time. Many fond memories of Josie who lived a couple of doors down from my Aunt Carm and Uncle Bob. All of us kids went to school together at Regina Coeli and St. Thomas Aquinas. Our church and school bonded us into a tight circle that made for a great childhood of love and safety. Josie was certainly part of all that with my aunts and mother. We were privileged to grow up that way. Josie even brought me home from John Carroll a few times when John and Mary Nell were there and then me. Our faith tells us that Josie is now perfectly well in Heaven, and someday that Regina Coeli Circle will have a glorious reunion. Keep the faith and be at peace, your mom is well.

Gary Conny - May 25 at 01:53 PM



“ Prayers to your family during this difficult time. A theme Aunt Josie shared with me during many of our chance meetings in public is that Life Is A Celebration and as such she lived it well. The parade continues in heaven. Deepest sympathies.

Tom Farrell

Tom Farrell - May 24 at 02:56 PM



“ My sympathy and support to the Barrord Family at this difficult time. We are a fortunate group to have grown up in our Regina Coeli circle of families! We can well remember growing up loved by not only our parents but everyone else's parents too. It was a remarkable privilege for us. Josie most certainly was a part of that for me. She lived just down the street from my Aunt Carm and Uncle Bob, and all of the kids went to school together at Regina Coeli and St. Thomas Aquinas. In my case, followed John and Mary Nell to John Carroll. Josie drove me home on weekends. A strong beautiful Catholic lady in every fiber of her being. Our faith tells us she is now enjoying life eternal perfectly whole. We hope someday to see that Regina bunch all back together with us ! God Bless and comfort all of you with the sure hope your mom is eternally with you!

Gary Conny - May 24 at 06:03 PM



“ The Farrell family in Alabama wishes to send their condolences to Vince and the rest of Josie's family and friends. She will be greatly missed. May God bless Josie.

Tim Farrell - May 24 at 11:59 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Josephine Barrord.



May 24 at 10:40 AM



“ I knew Josie when I worked for Kellogg's. We never passed by each other. We talked every time. She was such an inspiration due to her upside sense of humor coupled with her compassion and down-to-earth attitude. She will be deeply missed by many, including me. She may try to outsmile God now. God Bless her and her Family

Norm Haidet - May 24 at 10:33 AM



“ The Mortells purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Josephine Barrord.



The Mortells - May 23 at 11:43 PM



“ The Regina Coeli Homebound Ministers are thinking of you with sympathy and praying that God's promise of eternal life will sustain you during this time of loss.

Lillian Oberjohn - May 23 at 12:40 PM