



Catherine Marie (Kate) Rowan Musselman

October 7, 1918 - September 18, 2021

Catherine Marie (Kate) Rowan Musselman died September 18, 2021 at her home of 75 years on Musselman Drive with her family, grateful for the perpetual care of her children, their spouses and grandchildren this past year. She was born in Athens, the daughter of Elizabeth Kathryn “Besse” Barrett and Anthony Francis Rowan October 7, 1918. Catherine’s mother died of the influenza in February 1919. Since her father was unable to care for her, he entrusted her care to the Franciscan Sisters at Saint Anne’s orphanage until 1923 when she moved to Saint Aloysius boarding school in New Lexington. In 1929 Catherine moved to Zanesville to live with her father and stepmother, Mary (Riley) Rowan. She graduated from St. Thomas high school in 1936 and attended Meredith Business College. She was employed at Zanesville Provision Company as a stenographer until she married Michael Raymond Musselman in 1938. After coming to know Mike’s family, loving parents and 12 siblings, and her lonely childhood, she and Mike looked forward to a large family. Catherine always felt blessed to be with family. She was a compassionate listener to their joys or hardships and rejoiced in their accomplishments. A loving dedicated wife to Mike, she cared for him in their home through his years with Alzheimer’s. Catherine was an active member of the community, especially after she and Mike had raised their 12 children. She was an active parishioner of Saint Thomas Parish; a member of the Third Order of Dominic, Altar Rosary Society, 39 years with Saint Thomas Quilters, an avid supporter of Muskingum Valley Right to Life, visitor to the homebound

and a second-grade catechist for several years. Catherine also enjoyed her time as activities volunteer at the Muskingum County Home. She was also a member of the NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness) Six Counties.

Catherine is survived by her children; four daughters: Kathleen (Gary) Copp of Carson City, Michigan; Mary Ann (Richard) Bigger of Sherburne, New York; Alberta (Norman) Hatmaker of Glenelg, Maryland; Jane (Robert) Awtrey of Leesburg Virginia; six sons: Michael (Corinne), Patrick (Kaye) and Daniel (Edie) of Zanesville; Timothy of Bowling Green; Vincent (Lori) of Canal Winchester; Richard (Deborah) of Yorktown, Virginia; daughters-in-law: Mella Musselman and Kathleen Musselman; 44 grandchildren, 93 great grandchildren and 12 great great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by Mike, her husband of 55 years, sons Camillus and Thomas, granddaughter Andrea Musselman Scott and great grandsons Sam Osowski, and Roark Defenderfer.

Viewing will be held at Hillis Combs & Nestor Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville, OH, on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, from 2:00 – 8:00PM. There will be a prayer service following calling hours. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 925 E Main Street, Zanesville, OH, on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. with Fr. Jan P. Sullivan as celebrant.

Burial will follow mass at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Zanesville. To sign the online guest book or leave an online condolence, please visit www.hilliscombsnestor.com.

Cemetery Details

Mount Olive Cemetery

2057 East Pike
Zanesville, OH 43701

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 21. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home
935 Forest Avenue
Zanesville, OH 43701
(740) 452-5494
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<https://www.hilliscombsnestor.com>

Prayer Vigil

SEP 21. 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

SEP **22**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St Nicholas Catholic Church
925 E Main St
Zanesville, OH 43701-4407
(740) 453-0597

Tribute Wall



“ *Catherine Marie (Kate) Rowan Musselman*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *We are sending our deepest sympathy to the family of Jane & Robert Awtry on the loss of their beloved mother and grandmother. With love, Margaret and Wayne Donkerbrook*

Margaret Donkerbrook - September 27, 2021 at 08:43 AM



“ *Pat. My sincere sympathy on the passing of your mom. My parents, who also are gone now, thought the world of your mom and dad. And with your aunt living right up the street, the Musselman name was frequently mentioned in our household. I remember visiting your place on Musselman Dr with my older brothers and parents. Happy memories. God bless you and your family.*

George withers - September 26, 2021 at 03:15 PM



“ *Our sympathy to the family. What a beautifully large family she was blessed with*

Mark and Nora Ryan

nora rya n - September 23, 2021 at 10:22 PM

KL

“ *Pat, Kay & Family*

*I am so sorry to hear of your Mother passing.
My prayers are with you, Kathy Luman*



Kathy Luman - September 23, 2021 at 01:33 PM

SO

“ *Kathleen & Gary, Mary Ann & Richard, Alberta & Norman, Jane & Bob, Mike & Corinne, Pat & Kaye, Dan & Edie, Tim, Vincent & Lori, Richard & Debbie & all Grandchildren & Friends: What a wondrous life lived for God, Family & others. Thank you for letting her be in her own home for 75 years & the kind, gentle care given to Kate who epitomized the same qualities to millions of people during her LONG life.*

May you carry on the example, stories & family traditions in your own lives & Kate's spirit will last forever down through the generations.

Well done FAITHFUL SERVANT & soar into Heaven & be a ROSE in God's Garden, Kate!

In Sympathy but yet REJOICING & a prayer for those left behind.

Sr. Sharon Paul & my Siblings too!

Sr. Sharon Paul, O.S.F. - September 23, 2021 at 10:44 AM

MP

“ *"Well done thou good and faithful servant" Indeed she was. So many smiles when I think of our times together at the County Home.*

Mary M Perone - September 23, 2021 at 08:31 AM

TK

“ Thoughts and Prayers to the entire Musselman Family.
What a BEAUTIFUL person she was.
Love,
Theresa & Greg Kanavel

THERESA KANAVAL - September 22, 2021 at 11:43 AM



“ Sending our sympathy to the Musselman family during this time.
You are in our thoughts and prayers. Peace to all.
Patty and Mike Parrish

Patricia Parrish - September 21, 2021 at 07:57 PM

TS

“ Mary Ann
I didn't know your mother but she had a wonderful life. You and your
family are in our
prayers.
Tim & Jo Ann Scholl

Tim Scholl - September 21, 2021 at 10:52 AM

ML

“ Aunt Kate was an extraordinary woman who lived her life as a channel of God's peace bringing love, forgiveness, hope, faith, light and joy to all of the people who were so very blessed in knowing her. She shared her gifts of wisdom, understanding, faith and fortitude generously throughout her life. She leaves a beautiful legacy to her loving family. She was the epitome of kindness. Her friendship with my mother and father was a treasure to them in their life on earth. A teacher once asked me to write about a living saint other than my parents. Aunt Kate was that saint and now I am sure that she shares the Light of her faith with my dear parents and her loved ones in heaven. Today outside my window a special coral rose bloomed - it is the rose we planted for our mom when she lived here. That rose has never bloomed this late in the season. I believe that we all have blossomed our faith by the example set by Catherine. Rest in peace dear Aunt Kate as you so richly deserve. My sincere condolences to your loving children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. Today we have another saint praying for us Love, Maureen, Ben, Ann and family

Maureen Link - September 21, 2021 at 10:12 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Catherine Marie (Kate) Rowan Musselman.



September 21, 2021 at 08:35 AM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine Marie (Kate) Rowan Musselman.*



September 21, 2021 at 12:30 AM



“ *Judy and Ed Huber purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Catherine Marie (Kate) Rowan Musselman.*



Judy and Ed Huber - September 20, 2021 at 09:34 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine Marie (Kate) Rowan Musselman.*



September 20, 2021 at 08:46 PM



“ *Vince, Danny, Rich and family I'm so sorry to hear about your lose. Kate was such a dear lady. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.*
Teresa (Terry Huffman) Caw

Teresa Huffman caw - September 20, 2021 at 07:55 PM

IM

“ Thoughts and prayers to all. Indy Miller



Indea Miller - September 20, 2021 at 05:11 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine Marie (Kate) Rowan Musselman.



September 20, 2021 at 03:57 PM

ML

“ My Thoughts and Prayers for the Musselman Family. Kate was such a wonderful woman that I got to be around growing up in the neighborhood and knowing some of you all. Rest easy sweet kate.

Melissa Tague Lovejoy - September 20, 2021 at 02:08 PM

TW

“ To the Musselman family
My BIG HEART is with each 1 of you
Kate was like another mom to me
She will be sadly missed by lots of people.
God Bless & lots of love to all of you



Troy Wylie - September 20, 2021 at 01:47 PM

CS

“ Vince & family , so sorry for the loss of your mother, she was a great lady— hugs to all Cathie (Roberts) Seward

cathie seward - September 20, 2021 at 01:38 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Catherine Marie (Kate) Rowan Musselman.



September 20, 2021 at 01:35 PM

PQ

“ I have known Kate nearly my entire life. She was always such a great person. Visiting their home as a youngster, she was always very kind and accommodating. She had plenty of children of her own, yet she always made me feel special. She made an egg sandwich for me, which at the time, I had never before tasted. It was so good! She offered to make another for me! How could I resist? She later became very supportive of my family’s involvement in the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). She spawned life-long friends of mine. Thank God for this wonderful woman. Enjoy your seat in Heaven, Kate. You earned it.

paul quinn - September 20, 2021 at 12:14 PM



“ Adoring Heart was purchased for the family of Catherine Marie (Kate) Rowan Musselman.



September 20, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Catherine Marie (Kate) Rowan Musselman.*



September 20, 2021 at 10:16 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Catherine Marie (Kate) Rowan Musselman.*



September 20, 2021 at 09:42 AM



“ *To Mike and Corrine and The Musselman Family: Sorry to see of Kate's passing, after such a long and full life. Bruce and Vicki McConnell*

Bruce McConnell - September 20, 2021 at 09:19 AM



“ *Dear Mike and Corrine, so sorry for the loss of your Mother. Such a beautiful obituary telling of her amazing life on this earth. Mothers are special and sincerely wish your memories give you peace and comfort.*

Tina Sugar

Tina Sugar - September 19, 2021 at 11:53 PM

SB

“ *The Musselman Family,
Loved your mother she always made me feel so welcome at your parties. I can see her big smile and love greeting Tom and Terp in Heaven. Thinking of you, Sandy*

Sandy Boedeker - September 19, 2021 at 08:07 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Catherine Marie (Kate) Rowan Musselman.*



September 19, 2021 at 05:15 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine Marie (Kate) Rowan Musselman.*



September 19, 2021 at 03:46 PM

MA

“ *Our prayers are with you all. John Awtrey and Claire*

Mr and Mrs. John Awtrey - September 19, 2021 at 01:47 PM

RB

“*Kate was one of the nicest and kindest ladies I have known. Always a smile to share, our Catholic community will sorely miss her. To the Musselman family, please accept our most sincere condolences.*
Rick and Jan Bland

Rick and Jan Bland - September 19, 2021 at 01:25 PM

SG

“*Sandy Gookins purchased the My Soul Lives On Blanket for the family of Catherine Marie (Kate) Rowan Musselman.*



Sandy Gookins - September 19, 2021 at 12:48 PM

SG

“*I met Kate In 2014 just a couple months after my husband died in January. I met her at the quilting group at St. Thomas. She was a dear, sweet, gentle person who I fell in love with during the short time we quilted together. I had never quilted before and she was quick to help. I lived off of 146 so I picked her up a few times and drove her to quilting. After she quit going, the quilting group brought food for lunch one day and Shelly Downs brought a quilt to work on. We had a great time enjoying each others' company. I always marveled at the fact that Kate had been an only child and yet had 12 of her own. I think her children and grandchildren are one of the reasons Kate lived so long. You all were extremely blessed to have her in your lives as I was for the short time she was in mine. We will all miss her, but I know she was ready to meet her maker. My dear sweet friend, Kate.*

Sandra Gookins - September 19, 2021 at 12:40 PM

RC

“ Heartfelt loss to the community and for the family. We knew Kate only from the inspiring stories her son, Dan would share with us during our stops in Zanesville. We looked forward to spending time with Dan each year to get updates on one of Kate's favorite times of the year, Thanksgiving. It was so clear to us by the passion and pride in Dan's voice that no one was ever more thankful or gave more than Kate. It filled our hearts every year! Thank you Dan for sharing the inspirational story of your mother with us all these years. A truly remarkable blessed woman! Dan, your gracious mother, Kate and your entire family are in our prayers! Rick & Norma C.

Rick Cummings - September 19, 2021 at 12:20 PM

TB

“ Prayers to the family. Kate was a walking saint loved by anyone her ever had the privilege to meet her. Always had a kind word and would always take the time to ask about your family it was never about her it was always about others. I think we can truly say the world is a better place because Kate was here to share her love for over 100 years.

Tam Bowman - September 19, 2021 at 10:15 AM

RD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Musselman was such a special lady. I have so many memories of her over the years. Your family is in my prayers.

Renee Dutro - September 19, 2021 at 09:59 AM

PF

“ Love, hugs, thoughts and prayers are with you all as she was a wonderful woman!

Cherish all of your great times and memories together and keep them close to your heart!

Pat Osowski and Family - September 19, 2021 at 09:54 AM



“ Mike and Corrine, I am so sorry for your loss thinking of you and sending prayers for peace

Kim SeEVERS - September 19, 2021 at 08:52 AM

BM

“ So sorry for your loss!! Love and prayers!! 🙏💕

Betsy Mahaffey - September 19, 2021 at 08:32 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine Marie (Kate) Rowan Musselman.



September 19, 2021 at 06:42 AM