



## Kay Marie Hillis Mell

May 14, 1939 - July 6, 2014

Kay Marie (Hillis) Mell, 75 of Zanesville, died 4:20 AM Sunday, July 6, 2014 at Genesis Morrison House Hospice following an extended illness. She was born Sunday, May 14, 1939 in Shawnee, the daughter of Loren E "Doc" Hillis and Sarah L. (Richards) Hillis. She married William F. "Bill" Mell on Saturday, October 1, 1955 and was a member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church.

Kay retired in 1998 as an accumulator at General Electric in New Concord following 24 years of service. Following her retirement from General Electric she worked at the family business retiring in 2008 as a receptionist for the Hillis Funeral Home. Kay was a member of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary; she enjoyed bingo and was an avid card player. She was a volunteer for Genesis Good Samaritan Hospital and a huge fan of Rosecrans Sports and enjoyed following her children, grandchildren and friends.

Kay is survived by three daughters: Debbie (Jim "Smity" Smith) Davis and Dee Ann Mell both of Zanesville, and Denise Mell of Denver, CO three sons: David (Crystal) Mell of Zanesville, Douglas Mell of Columbus and Danny (Terri) Mell of Zanesville; 14 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; two brothers: Jim (Sue) Hillis and Dave Hillis both of Zanesville; two sisters: Ellen Hillis of Zanesville and Carol (Ed) Ferguson of Chelan, WA many nieces and nephews;

In addition to her parents, Kay was preceded in death by her husband Bill Mell who died April 10, 1997 and one grandson: Shawn McFerren

Friends may call 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 PM Tuesday, July 8, 2014. at the Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home, 935 Forest Ave, Zanesville where a Christian Vigil will be held at 7:45 PM. Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated 10:30 AM Wednesday, at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church with a Dominican Father as Celebrant. Kay will be laid to rest next to her beloved husband: Bill in Mount Olive Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Genesis Hospice and Palliative Care in Kay's Memory. To sign the online register book or to send a personal condolence note please visit [www.hillisco.com](http://www.hillisco.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Olive Cemetery

2057 East Pike  
Zanesville, OH 43701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kay Marie Hillis Mell*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with You All*

**Harold an Betty Garey** - July 10, 2014 at 09:58 AM



“ *To Dave and the Mell Family,*

*I am very sorry to hear about your Mother. She was a wonderful lady and always fun to be around. I am so sorry I missed the calling hours. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Steve Galloway*

**Steve Galloway** - July 09, 2014 at 02:34 PM



“ *Starla Shreve lit a candle in memory of Kay Marie Hillis Mell*



**starla shreve** - July 09, 2014 at 01:35 PM

KF

“ Karen Sholan and Family purchased the Written i  
n the Stars for the family of Kay Marie Hillis Mell.



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**Karen Sholan and Family** - July 09, 2014 at 12:07 AM

RB

“ To the Mell family I have so many fond memories of your mother  
with spending so many days of my childhood at your house bshe  
was very special to me cause whenever DeeAnn and I would come  
in she was always wanting to cook us something to eat or just to  
hear about our day..She's laughed and cried with us and was  
always there to clean our messes up but we knew we could always  
depend on her...I will never forget all she has done for me..My  
thoughts and prayers r with u and the family.. Thanks for always  
making me feel welcomed...Ragine (Roessler) Butler.. Deeann  
friend..

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**Ragine (Roessler) Butler** - July 08, 2014 at 11:31 PM

KS

“ Kathy Starrett lit a candle in memory of Kay  
Marie Hillis Mell



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**Kathy Starrett** - July 07, 2014 at 09:33 PM

KS

*To the Mell family,*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Mike, Kathy, Meghan and Michelle Starrett*

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**Kathy Starrett** - July 07, 2014 at 09:46 PM

MS

“ *With deepest sympathy. Will be missed. Card players, Mary Swope and Diane Stivers.*



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**Mary swope** - July 07, 2014 at 08:02 PM

NW

“ *I am greatly saddened of the passing of my dear friend Kay. My sympathy goes out to the family. Nancy(Anderson) Woods.*

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**Nancy L Woods** - July 07, 2014 at 06:42 PM

SN

“ *We are so very sorry to hear of Kay's passing. She was a special lady and we will always remember our evenings at Bishop Rosecrans Sport events and her jovial smiling face. We had some fun times and are all great memories. Your family will also have her memories to keep forever. We pray God will provide your family strength in your time of loss of Kay and to heal your hearts of the aches by losing such a nice person.*

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**Shirley and Bob Neel** - July 07, 2014 at 03:31 PM

CH

“ *Cris Hughes lit a candle in memory of Kay Marie Hillis Mell*



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**cris hughes** - July 07, 2014 at 02:50 PM

VW

“ *I am so very sad to hear of Kay's passing. She & I as well as Marty McLoughlin were the best of friends in high school. I have thought of her so many times during the years and always intended to get in touch with her since we had lost contact after getting married and raising our family. We always think that there is lots of time to do these things and keep putting them off another day and sometimes the time runs out. I will always cherish our days as friends and have such happy memories. I remember spending the night with her the very first time at the fundal home and that I felt nervous because of her living above a funeral home. I will pray for all her family for peace in knowing that Kay is now with her Lord and that one day they will all be together again.*

*Virginia Winsor(Ginny)*

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**Virginia(Ginny) Winsor** - July 07, 2014 at 10:48 AM

NM

“ *So sorry to hear about your mom. Thinking of you. Nan Mason*

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**Nan Mason** - July 07, 2014 at 10:24 AM

MH

“ To all Kay & Bill's kids: I can't even find the words to say what I want. Your mom was kind, loving, and always always had a smile on her face. Very rarely growing up did I see her get mad or say unkind words, and we gave her a lot of trouble!!! Locust Avenue will never be the same with both of our moms gone. Even though I've been gone a long time from there, I sill think of the Mell's as my neighbors and certainly, my friends, more like family, actually. Growing up on that street with the Mell's holds some of my fondest and dearest memories. Kay was a big part of that for me. My heart goes out to all of you and your extended families. My thoughts and prayers will be with you all during this time.



Love,  
Mary (Robb)

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**Mary Hagemann** - July 07, 2014 at 10:10 AM

LB

“ To the Mell Family: You have my sympathy in the loss of your Mother. She was a co-worker of mine at GE. Linda Bryan

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**Linda Bryan** - July 07, 2014 at 10:05 AM

EH

“ Kay was such a kind hearted, wonderful and caring lady. Remembering our good time at Freeland and our good memories with you Katie. Out thoughts and love go out to all the family for your loss. May your memories of Kay bring you comfort in the days ahead.

Wendell and Eunice Huhn and family

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**Eunice Huhn** - July 07, 2014 at 08:10 AM

DC

“Debbie, Dittio and I are so sorry for your loss. May God comfort you and the family during this time of sorrow. We will keep you in prayer during this difficult time.

Dittio and Tammy Chandler - July 07, 2014 at 08:02 AM

MB

“My thoughts and prayers to all the family in this time of your loss.

marjorie bucci - July 07, 2014 at 07:35 AM

CK

“DeeAnn so sorry for the loss of your mom. Praying for you and your family.

Chris Kuhn - July 07, 2014 at 07:28 AM

JK

“Sorry for your loss. Kay was a great lady!! Praying for your family in this tough time. Jodi King

Jodi King - July 07, 2014 at 06:53 AM

LG

“Kay was a very special lady! She was an added grandma for Annette when she spent time with Katie. Thanks for all the trips to ball games. rlp Kay! Love and prayers to your family



lori goody - July 07, 2014 at 03:55 AM

GH

“ Sorry to hear of Kay's passing, What a wonderful lady she was. Prayers for the family at this difficult time. Gladys & Wayne Hartman



Gladys Hartman - July 07, 2014 at 01:33 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kay Marie Hillis Mell.



July 06, 2014 at 11:51 PM

KS

“ My Mom Janice & Kay were friends since childhood.They traveled & had many great times together. I loved hearing the stories from their many travels. My heart is heavy tonight hearing about Kay. I m' sorry for your loss. Your family is in our thoughts & prayers . Rest in peace.

*Karen Sholan & Family*

Karen Sholan - July 06, 2014 at 10:51 PM

GG

“ Gail Graham lit a candle in memory of Kay Marie Hillis Mell



Gail Graham - July 06, 2014 at 10:49 PM

CB

“ My heart is truly heavy at the loss of a dear lady. My prayers and thoughts are with you all. One of the biggest and best supporters of the Bishops ever. May she rest in peace and may God's grace be with you all. Coach Bullock

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**Coach Michael Bullock** - July 06, 2014 at 09:25 PM

JA

“ So sorry to hear of Kay's passing. What a wonderful lady! My prayers for all the family during this time of sorrow. God bless you Kay!

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**joanna arnold** - July 06, 2014 at 07:59 PM

KP

“ Karen and Rich Pahler purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Kay Marie Hillis Mell.



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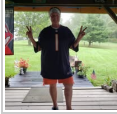
**Karen and Rich Pahler** - July 06, 2014 at 06:27 PM

AS

“ My heart is breaking for all of you. Kay was a wonderful person and she was like a mother to me. I will cherish her memory always. There is a new star in the heavens tonight. Rest in peace beautiful lady. I love you.  
Amy Mell Sloan

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**Amy Mell Sloan** - July 06, 2014 at 02:55 PM



*I love our "Momma Kay" She is the funniest person I've ever met. She looks, acts, laughs and many other things as my Grandma Kay did. I will always love you "momma kay!" R.I.P. dear lady!*

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**Tina McIntire-McQuiston** - July 06, 2014 at 06:06 PM



*Thoughts and prayers are with the family and her many friends.  
God bless and help you through these trying times.  
Judy Erwine Wofter*

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**Judy Erwine Wofter** - July 07, 2014 at 10:44 AM