



Velma A. Shaffer-Toole

August 10, 1929 - October 22, 2025

Velma A. Shaffer-Toole, 96 of Zanesville, died 9:31 PM, Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at Brookdale Senior Living in Zanesville. She was born Saturday, August 10, 1929 in Zanesville, the daughter of Andrew Shaffer and Hailly (Marsh) Shaffer. She married William L. Toole on Saturday, January 31, 1953, and was a member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church.

Velma was the Operations Manager for Merrill-Lynch & Company, retiring in 1992 following over 43 years of service. She enjoyed being outdoors, was an avid gardener, and loved painting landscape portraits.

Velma is survived by two sisters, Audrey (Jerry) Smith and Frieda Sikora; one brother-in-law, Raymond Toole; one sister-in-law, Patricia Toole; numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and a host of friends and acquaintances.

In addition to her parents, Velma was preceded in death her husband, William L. Toole, who died October 6, 1985; ten siblings, Dorsey, Edna, Harold, Gerald, Bob, Helen, Howard, Donald, Kenneth and Ralph; her loving companion of many years, Edward Lewellen.

Friends may call from 9:30 to 11:00 AM, Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at the Hillis Combs Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, where Funeral Services will

follow at 11:00 AM, with Fr. David Young officiating. Velma will be laid to rest beside her husband in Mt. Olive Cemetery. To sign the online guestbook or leave a personal note of condolence please visit www.hilliscombsfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Mount Olive Cemetery

2057 East Pike
Zanesville, OH 43701

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 28. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SL

“ *Velma was an amazing part of me and my 2 children's lives, She treated us like family and always caring and kind. She was an amazing grandmother figure for my girls. I extend my deepest condolences to the family. God sure got a good one. I will cherish the memories I have of Velma forever. Rip Velma with love, Selena Tucker Lewellen*

Selena Lewellen - October 29, 2025 at 06:15 PM

LM

“ *Love Jason, Julie, Rachael and Michael purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Velma A. Shaffer-Toole.*



Love Jason, Julie, Rachael and Michael - October 27, 2025 at 11:45 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Velma A. Shaffer-Toole.*



October 27, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ 32 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hillis Combs Funeral Home - October 27, 2025 at 11:07 AM

DB

“ *Donna B. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Velma A. Shaffer-Toole.*



Donna B. - October 27, 2025 at 10:25 AM

LC

“ *Love, Frieda, Krista, and Chris purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Velma A. Shaffer-Toole.*



Love, Frieda, Krista, and Chris - October 26, 2025 at 06:48 PM

SK

“ *I worked at Merrill Lynch's with Velma and she was a great boss, friend and top notch lady. She will be missed.*

Sarah Klinger - October 25, 2025 at 07:16 PM

TR

“ *Condolences to the family. I loved working with Velma during my time a Merrill Lynch. Such a nice person.*

Todd Riley - October 25, 2025 at 10:10 AM