



Dr. Coletta A. Klug

March 6, 1922 - July 15, 2018

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Coletta Anna Klug, age 96, died at Elderwood Longterm Care in Williamsville, New York, on Sunday, July 15, 2018.

Coletta (Kitty) was the youngest of 8 children born to Edward Albert Klug and Josephine Scheibelhood Klug on March 6, 1922.

She completed 8th grade in the 2-room school at St. Joseph Catholic Church in St. Joseph Settlement in

Marshall County, taught by the Pallotine nuns, then graduated with honors from

Moundsville High School.

She worked five years in the office of Fostoria Glass

in Moundsville before obtaining her nursing certification in 1948 from St.

Mary's School of Nursing in Huntington, WV. After her early years in

Huntington she worked at a veteran's hospital in Ohio and became intrigued with psychiatric medicine. She eventually completed her BS, MS and

Doctorate degrees in that field and became a professor of psychiatric nursing at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Her doctoral dissertation was published as a textbook called the Constructive-Destructive Self, addressing issues of stress reduction, relationships and

mental health for young adults. She took her message of hope and

perseverance into the schools and was instrumental in establishing one of the first suicide prevention hotlines in Western New York.

Kitty retired from fulltime teaching in 1992 after more than 30 years of service to the University of Buffalo, but remained active as a mentor, advisor and part time instructor for several years.

Kitty was an extraordinary woman of many talents. She once operated an Arthur Murray dance studio and continued dancing, painting and studying piano well into her 80's. It was never too late to learn something new: To overcome her fear of water, she took swimming lessons. To take care of simple maintenance chores in her home, she took classes at the local vo-tech center. Like her mother and sisters, her artistic talents extended to sewing & crocheting.

Her loyalty and generosity to friends, colleagues and family is legendary but, as her nickname implies, cats were her best friend. After her retirement in 1992, she continued to live in her home in the Tonawanda area of Buffalo, NY. She was a loyal member and supporter of St. Amelia's Catholic church and school where she attended daily mass up to the time of her move to a Memory Care facility in Williamsville, NY, in May of 2015 - with her cat in tow. In addition to her parents, Coletta was pre-deceased by six of her seven siblings: brothers, Paul, Evaristus, Philip and Rev. Eugene Klug, and sisters, Bernadine Klug and Rita Shutler. She was also preceded in death by three nephews: Patrick Herrick, Robert Klug and Richard Klug.

She is survived by her 103-year-old sister, Eloise Herrick, of New Martinsville and by 18 nieces and nephews, their spouses and extended families. Her Klug

nieces are, Eileen, Joan and Mary Catherine Klug-McCray; her Klug nephews, Ray, Martin, Denny and Mark; her Herrick nieces, Margaret Roberts, Connie Gole and Rose Bridgeman; her Herrick nephews; Ed, Jim, Steve, Nick, Tony and Dan; her Shutler niece and nephew, Jeanette Davis and Clem Shutler.

Family will receive friends on Friday, July 20th, from 10 am until 12noon at St Joseph Catholic Church in St. Joseph Settlement where Funeral Liturgy with Mass will be celebrated at 12noon with Fr. That Son Ngoc Nguyen as celebrant.

Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, St. Joseph Settlement, Marshall County, WV.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

Frohnapfel Lane
Proctor, WV 26055

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 20. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
65 Frohnapfel Lane
Proctor, WV 26055

Funeral Liturgy with Mass

JUL 20. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Ms Kitty was a very special woman. I was fortunate to have known her during her last years. From her home in Tonawanda NY upto the very end at Elderwood, I had the opportunity to be her care-aide. She become a friend and her face always lit up with a wonderful smile when she saw me. I will miss her dearly but I am at peace knowing that she is with the Good Lord, to whom she was so devoted. My condolences to the Klug family and special thanks to Ms Margaret for her trust in me and for the opportunity to care for Ms Kitty.

Sue
Buffalo NY

Sue - July 25, 2018 at 08:34 AM

MR

Thank you Sue - you were Kitty's special "friend"

Margaret Roberts - July 30, 2018 at 01:54 PM