



Mary Nicolls

February 2, 1930 - December 27, 2018

Mary Nicolls, age 88, of Columbus, Ohio, passed away peacefully in her home on 12-27-18. She was preceded in death by her husband, David, parents McKendree and Pauline Tooill, daughter Kathleen, and brother Mac Tooill, Jr. as well as many beloved cats. She is survived by daughter Carol and son-in-law Dean Kauffman, grandson David Kyle Kauffman, granddaughter Lindsay Kathleen Rumble (Bill), great grandsons Camden, 4, and Bennett, 2, sister Carolyn Barton (Tom), many loving nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends, including Charlie, her favorite cat of all. Mary sang for her father's band at age eleven, and joined a trio, performing in Columbus for several years. Mary graduated from North High School in 1947 and attended The Ohio State University for two years, majoring in radio and voice. There she met David Stanley Nicolls, beloved husband until his death in 1991. When they lived in Poland, Ohio, she was director of Youngstown Children's Theater, executive secretary for the Youngstown Playhouse, Camp Fire leader, and columnist for the Poland Chronicle. In 1979 she and Dave moved back to Columbus to be near her family. There, she was coordinator for public service announcements at Channel 4 and school secretary at Clintonville Academy. She attended First Community Church, was a long time member of the Columbus Zoo and Jazz Arts Group. She loved the theater, reading, Jazz Arts, Hocking Hills, Camp Wyandot, Stratford Ecological Center, The Ohio State University, the Columbus Zoo (and all animals), and was dubbed the "cat whisperer" after reviving and helping numerous cats survive

and thrive. She was a generous and gracious lady, loved by all who knew her. Visiting hours will be at Rutherford Funeral Home, 515 High St. Worthington, Ohio 43085, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Friday, January 11th. Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 12th, 2019 from 1:00-2:00 PM at the Burkhart Chapel, First Community Church, 1320 Cambridge Blvd., Columbus, Ohio 43212. A reception to follow at the Fawcett Center, 2400 Olentangy River Rd, 43210 from 2:30-3:30 in the Alumni Lounge. Burial will be at Poland Cemetery, Poland Ohio, on a later date. Memorial donations can be made, if desired, to Stratford Ecological Center, Powell, Ohio, Camp Wyandot, Rockbridge, Ohio, or First Community Church, Columbus, Ohio.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home
515 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085
(614) 885-4006
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

Memorial Service

JAN 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Community Church
1320 Cambridge Blvd.
Columbus, OH 43212

Reception to Follow Service

JAN 12. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Fawcett Center
2400 Olentangy River Road
Columbus, OH 43210

Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Nicolls* ”



Rutherford Funeral Homes - January 08, 2019 at 12:00 PM



“ *Mary Nicolls* ”

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *6 files added to the tribute wall* ”



David Kauffman - January 11, 2019 at 11:57 PM

DK

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David Kauffman - January 11, 2019 at 11:54 PM

MC

“ When I watched the memorial video, I had tears in my eyes the whole time. I loved seeing the photos of Mary when she was a girl, but I also loved seeing photos of Kathy and of the four Nicolls together. I loved this family, and since Carol and I were such close friends, I spent many good times at their house. Carol, you were blessed with a wonderful mother. All who knew Mary will mourn her loss.

Marla Dammann Chisholm - January 10, 2019 at 03:23 PM

CK

“ How can I begin to share a lifetime of memories with my mother, Mary Nicolls- when she was with me throughout my life every step of the way? Way too many - and all special. One of her favorite mantras when someone was going through a rough patch in life was "This too shall pass." I hear her words echoing now, and I'm secretly convinced Paul McCartney wrote his famous song with her in mind: When I find myself in times of trouble, Mother Mary comes to me; speaking words of wisdom, Let it Be, Let it Be. My mother, my best friend. I'm so honored and fortunate to have had you in my life for so many years. I love you, Mom ❤️ Carol

Carol Kauffman - January 03, 2019 at 01:53 PM

MW

Awww Carol, we so loved your Mom and continue to love you! You have been the best daughter and friend to your mom. You've been blessed to have had her for so long. Loving memories will sustain you and bring you joy.

Love you Carol. ❤️

Merry

Merry Williams - January 11, 2019 at 08:34 PM

LR

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LINDSAY RUMPLE - January 03, 2019 at 12:52 PM