



## Mary C. Rico

December 6, 2014

Mary C. Rico, 90, born in Columbus, OH, died peacefully in her sleep at home on Saturday December 6, 2014 after a long illness. Preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Pauline Burkhardt, brother James, and an infant son. She is survived by her devoted husband, William Rico, of 68 years of marriage, and her two sons, James and Paul, and her sister-in-law Ruth Burkhardt. Mary and her husband began their lives together in Newark where after graduating high school, in 1942, she was accepted, and then graduated from Newark Hospital Nursing School. While Mary was a student in Newark, during the second world war, an urgent call came, asking for help with the injured soldiers of the war at the Aspinwall Veterans Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. Mary and her entire class heeded the call for help. Mary worked there for over 6 months. Mary and William moved to Chicago so that William could complete his education, working as an electrician apprentice, and she worked as a nurse in St Luke's Hospital. They moved to Columbus in 1948 where William was accepted to the apprentice program of local union 683. Mary, a member of St. Joan of Ark Parish in Powell, loved dogs, especially German Shepherds. Mary was secretary of the German Shepherd Kennel Club of Central Ohio. She was also a breeder of German Shepherds. She was active in many dog shows. She loved to play the piano, sew, read, and was an avid bowler with a team of Nurses. She worked in many different Columbus area and Delaware County hospitals as an Emergency Room nurse. She retired in 1997. A funeral service will be held at the Chapel in the Resurrection Cemetery, at 9571 N. High Street, Lewis Center, OH on Tuesday, December 9th at 10:00 am. Donations in lieu of flowers to Ohio Health Hospice, at 800 McConnell Drive, Columbus, OH 43214.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary C. Rico*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Carmen Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Mary C. Rico*



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**Carmen Rodgers** - March 27, 2015 at 02:16 PM