



Louise A. Penjak

July 12, 1936 - June 29, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Louise A. Penjak, age 88, who peacefully passed away at Hospice of the Western Reserve on June 29, 2025 surrounded by her loving family. Louise was born on July 12, 1936 in Cleveland, OH to the late Frank Rufo and Theresa Greene.

Louise was a parishioner of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel for over 60 years. She enjoyed cooking, baking, and making the holidays extra special. One of her greatest pleasures was spending time with her grandkids and her great grandkids. Louise had a full personality, was selfless and would do anything for her family and friends. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her loving husband of 68 years, Jim Penjak, her children, Denise (Alan) Kaston and Darlene Hayes (fiancé, Joe Brejcha), her grandchildren, Ryan Kaston, Sean (Amanda) Kelleher, and Brianna Hayes, her great grandchildren, Jaxon and Kash, her sister, Carole Zalokar, her nephew, Brian (Michele) Leslie, and her loving dog, Coco.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Anthony Rufo and her brother-in-law, John Zalokar.

A Gathering and Mass for Louise will be held Monday, July 7, 2025 starting at

10 am until her 11 am mass at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 29850 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, Ohio. Louise will be laid to rest at All Souls Cemetery in Chardon, Oh.

Louise's memory will forever remain in our hearts, and her legacy of compassion and love will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
29850 Euclid Avenue
Wickliffe, OH 44092

Funeral Mass

JUL 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Louise A. Penjak.*



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“ *I grew up around the block from the Penjaks and spent many hours at the house and twirling with Denise and Darlene. She was like my second Mom and I so enjoyed being around her. i actually meet my husband Tim at their house. May she rest in peace. I will be out of town during the visitation and send my heart filled love to the entire family. Love, Tim & Audrey Moore*

Audrey Moore - July 01, 2025 at 06:44 PM