



Martha Kay Ventolo

August 27, 1941 - July 26, 2023

VENTOLO, Martha Kay, age 81, of Enon passed away peacefully on July 26, 2023. She was born in Union County, Ohio to the late Francis and Lucille Cramer. Marti married the love of her life, Joseph A Ventolo, Jr. on May 4, 1962. Marti graduated from Wilmington College in 1968 earning a Bachelor's of Art degree. She went on to help start the Enon United Methodist Preschool in 1969 where she served as the director until she retired in 2014. Marti was named Ohio Administrator of the Year in 2001 by the Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children (OAEYC). Marti was named Enon Citizen of the year in 2014. Marti proudly volunteered at the National Museum of US Air Force, dedicating over 6000 hours of her time over 41 years of service. She received the Volunteer of the Year award from the Museum in 2018. She was a long-time active member of the Enon UMC. Marti was an amateur radio operator, call sign KA8AQH, and a lifetime member of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). Marti was a volunteer at heart and enjoyed helping others.

Marti was a loving, compassionate, and kindhearted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

In addition to her parents, Martha was preceded in death by her brothers, Francis (Eddie) Cramer and David Cramer; sister, Georgeanna Alamazon;

Brother-in-law Vernon Jones; sister-in-law Karen Cramer; and son-in-law, Loman T. Fisher III.

Martha leaves to cherish her memory, loving husband of 61 years, Joseph Ventolo, Jr.; devoted daughters, Tina Fisher, Karen (Phil Wilson) Woodward, and Joelle (John Musgrove) Ventolo; sister, Elizabeth Jones; sister-in-law Ruth Cramer; brother-in-law Ed Alamazon; grandchildren, Loman (Sylvia) Fisher IV; Victor (Jaclyn) Woodward, Kaylyn (Chris) Hemmelgarn, Jonathan (Jessica) Sheridan, Aaron (Jen) Woodward, Tyler (Julia) Woodward, and Sarah Sheridan; great-grandson, Ben; and many other loving nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and dear friends.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at Adkins Funeral Home (7055 Dayton Road. Enon) from 1pm – 3pm and from 6pm – 8pm.

A funeral service honoring Martha's life will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2023 at Enon United Methodist Church at 2pm (calling hours at church for one hour prior, 1pm – 2pm). Burial to follow at Enon Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Enon United Methodist Preschool, The Air Force Museum Foundation or Enon United Methodist Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Funeral Home
7055 Dayton Road
Enon, OH 45323
(937) 864-2288

Visitation

AUG 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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7055 Dayton Road
Enon, OH 45323
(937) 864-2288

Visitation

AUG 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Enon United Methodist Church
85 Broadway Road
Enon, OH 45323
info@enonumc.com
<http://enonumc.com/>

Funeral Service

AUG 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

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<http://enonumc.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Martha Kay Ventolo.*



August 01, 2023 at 03:02 PM



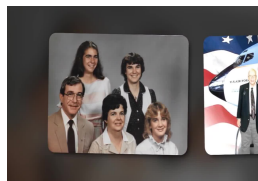
“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Martha Kay Ventolo.*



August 01, 2023 at 02:38 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Adkins Funeral Home - August 01, 2023 at 12:56 PM

MC

I absolutely love this video -- especially the photo of Marti with the video camera, which at one time was as much an essential accessory for her as a pair of comfortable walking shoes!

Michelle Crean - August 03, 2023 at 03:54 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Martha Kay Ventolo.*



July 31, 2023 at 09:27 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Martha Kay Ventolo.*



July 30, 2023 at 05:27 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Martha Kay Ventolo.*

July 30, 2023 at 05:27 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Martha Kay Ventolo.*



July 29, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *My condolences to her family. A wonderful person to work with at the Enon Community Historical Society.*

Carol Conley - July 28, 2023 at 08:50 PM

LA

“ Love, Jeannette, Mary & Phoenix Aviation purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Martha Kay Ventolo.



Love, Jeannette, Mary & Phoenix Aviation - July 28, 2023 at 01:33 PM

LA

“ Love, Jeannette, Mary & Phoenix Aviation planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Martha Kay Ventolo.

Love, Jeannette, Mary & Phoenix Aviation - July 28, 2023 at 01:33 PM



“ I knew Marti for 40+ years. We started our company together. Joe and I wrote and Marti settled the many arguments that ensued during our writing process. Without Marti, XB-70 Valkyrie-The Ride to Valhalla would never have seen the light of day. It was her determination, unceasing work and devotion that got us through. Her love for the USAF Museum was beyond compare as was her love for history and aircraft. We were friends and co-workers in Phoenix Aviation Research. I will be lost without her friendship which was so dear to me. Marti, you are the true Valkyrie...Ride fast and high...just as you always have done... right into the Lord's waiting arms. I will miss you, dear lady. All my love -Jeannette

Jeannette Remak - July 28, 2023 at 11:50 AM

VI

“ Will miss crossing paths with Marti throughout the Museum and her constant smile. Not to mention, her "good mornings" or "hello" when we arrived at the same time. Sweet Lady....descanse en paz - Vilma

Vilma - July 28, 2023 at 10:18 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Martha Kay Ventolo.



July 28, 2023 at 10:07 AM



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July 28, 2023 at 10:07 AM

BS

“ I served with Marti on the Volunteer Advisory Council at the AF Museum and volunteered with her in the galleries. Marti always greeted me with a "Hi, Bill!" and a bright smile. I will miss talking with her and sharing a laugh or two a long the way.

Bill Schulke - July 27, 2023 at 04:41 PM

DB

“ Marti worked with me at the Mobility station at the AF Museum. She was always pleasant, always smiling and so nice to be around. Even when she was struggling with her broken foot she was the proverbial grin and bear it. She will be certainly missed.

doug bowers - July 27, 2023 at 03:48 PM