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Esther M. Koontz (nee Carlson), age 82 and a long-time resident of Lorain, passed away on October 16, 2015 after a brief battle with lung cancer.

Esther was born on March 5, 1933 in Alverta, PA to Axel and Margaret (nee Satmary) Carlson. She was a loyal and active parishioner at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Lorain, where she also worked as the church secretary for over 20 years. Esther was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, always making family her first priority. She had a heart for animals and cared for many throughout her life. Esther especially enjoyed Tuesday night St. Anthony devotional services followed by dinner with friends. She and her husband Ralph enjoyed traveling, recreational gambling, and spending time with friends and family. Her vivacious laugh, welcoming spirit, and caring heart will be greatly missed.

Esther is survived by her husband of 66 years, Ralph; daughters, Christine (Russell) Landsberger, Denise Cogar, and Kathleen (Jerry) Shields; grandchildren, Stacie, Joseph, Jennifer, Zachery, Amy, Justin, Thomas (T.J.), Kyle, David, and Taylor; 19 great-grandchildren; brother, Richard Carlson; and sister, Greta Snyder.

She was preceded in death by her son, Ralph Koontz Jr., in 2011; parents, Axel and Margaret Carlson; and stepmother, Linnea Carlson Snyder.

Family will receive friends on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center, 1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 1305 E. Erie Avenue, Lorain. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memory Gardens, Avon.

Online condolences may be left for the Koontz family at www.dovinreberjones.com



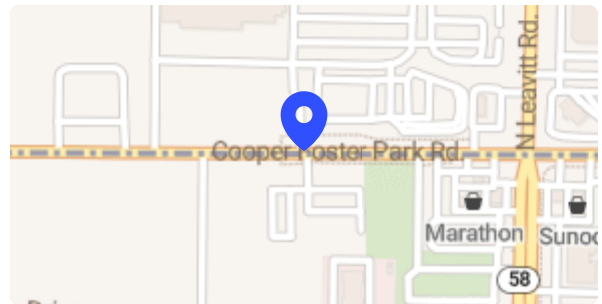
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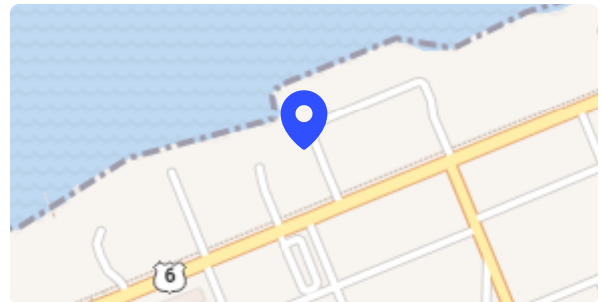
Visitation

- Tuesday**, October 20, 2015
- 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
- Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center**
1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst OH 44001



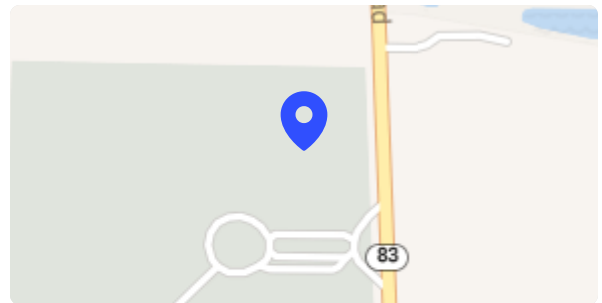
Funeral Mass

- Wednesday**, October 21, 2015
- 10:00 AM ET
- St. Anthony of Padua Church**
1305 E. Erie Ave., Lorain OH 44052



Cemetery Details

- Resthaven Memory Gardens**
3700 Center Rd, Avon OH 44011
- (440) 934-6555**





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J-P Duncan posted:

I was saddened when I heard today that Esther had passed. My heart goes out to Ralph and the whole family. Esther and Ralph were an inspiration to me growing up at St. Anthony's. Our families were close. Many years ago my family would make a yearly visit to the Koontz homestead in Hastings PA for the St. Bernard's church picnic. Through those trips I came to fall in love with PA, and eventually made it my home for 36 years. Esther and Ralph were kind enough to attend the renewal of my wedding vows at St. Anthony's last year. I felt truly blessed. Today I'm comforting myself by thinking that there's a pretty neat reunion above, with my mom and dad, Esther and "Ralphie" and others who walked well the way of faith. I thank God for them all.

November 14 at 12:59 PM



Mina Shank posted:

Sending love n prayers to Denise n families of Mrs,Koontz.

October 20 at 1:03 PM



Lisa lit a candle in honor of Esther.



October 19 at 11:25 AM



Dovin And Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center shared an album called **LifeTributes.**



October 18 at 5:58 PM



Vic McBride posted:

I am truly sorry for your families loss. I remember Esther as a very nice neighborhood mother that probably didn't like us guys playing football across her front yard but never told us to stop.

October 18 at 9:51 PM



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Jennifer Schwarck sent a virtual gift in honor of Esther.

When leaving grandma's house, she would stand at her front door window looking out and wave until you were out of sight while driving away. If it was a nice day, she would stand in the driveway and wave til you turned the corner off her street.

Leaving her house and not seeing that was so heartbreaking. Never once did my Gramma greet or leave without a hug and kiss. My grandma was pure love. I'm so grateful to have her love embedded in my heart...and many others hearts. Love you grandma. Rest in Paradise.



October 18 at 5:58 PM

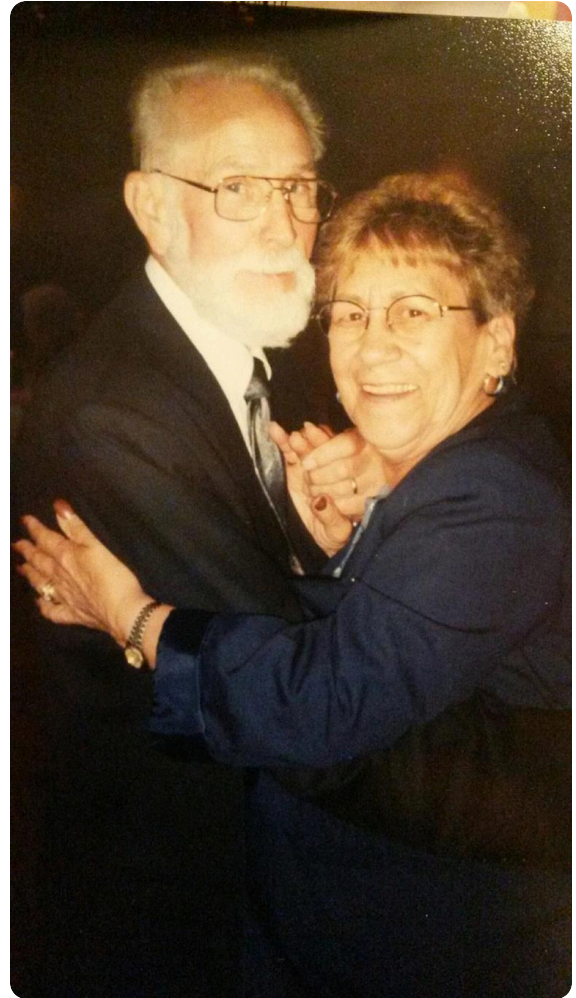


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Dovin And Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center shared 78 photos to the **LifeTributes** album. October 19 at 10:21 AM





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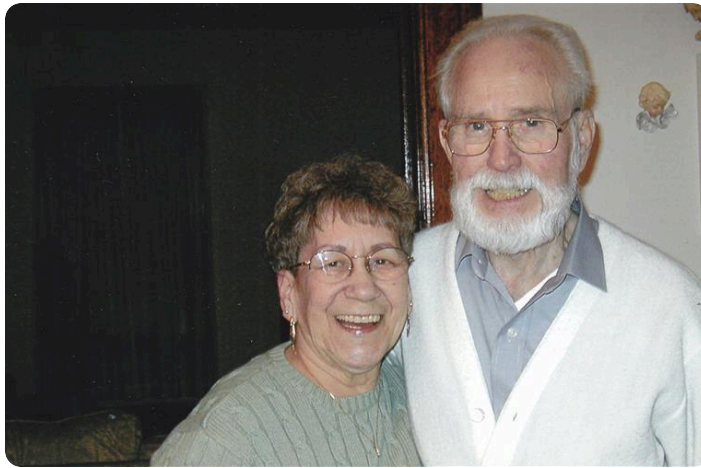
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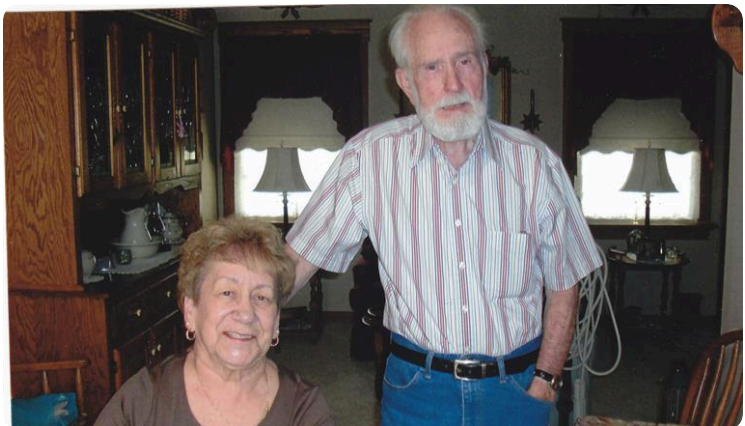
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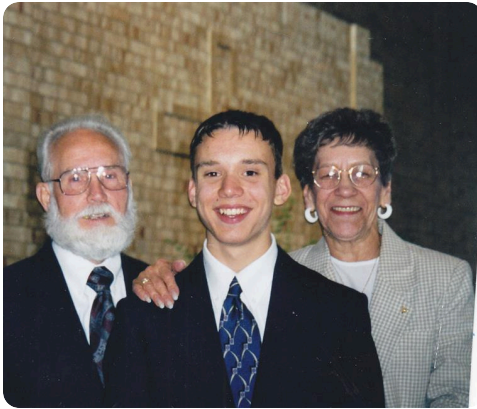
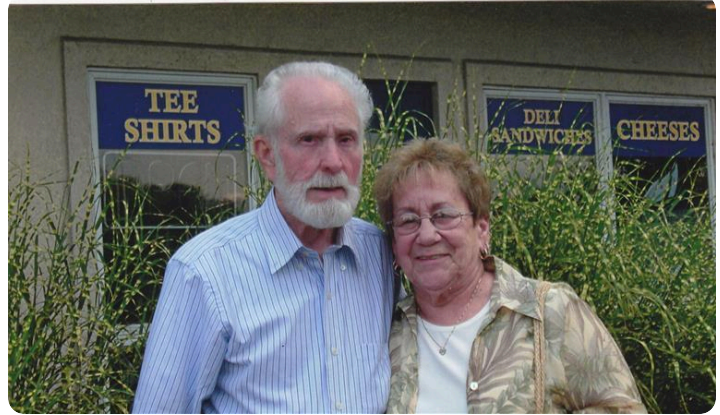
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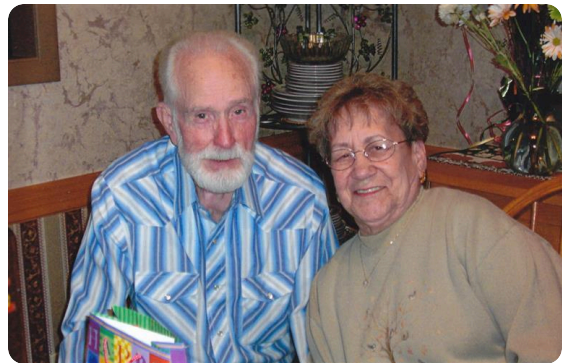




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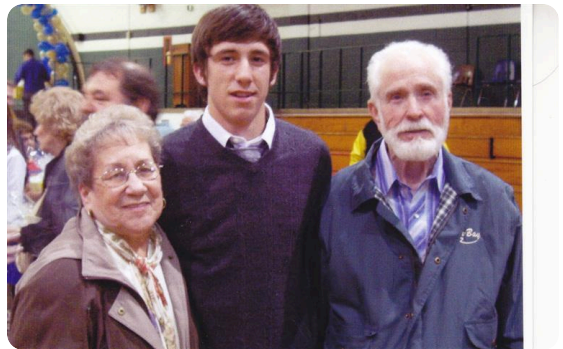






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