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Grace J. O'Hara Smith (nee Ullmann), age 99, of Lorain, passed away on Saturday, January 27, 2018.

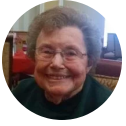
She was born on April 23, 1918 in Philadelphia, PA to Edward and Emma (nee Reichert) Ullmann. She is a graduate of Olney High School in Philadelphia and continued her education by attending classes at Temple University.

Grace resided in Lorain since moving here in the mid 1940's after marrying her husband, T. Vance O'Hara. She also lived in Berlin Heights for 15 years after marrying her second husband, David L. Smith.

Vance and Grace are best known and fondly remembered for the store they built and established in 1950, and operated for many years, O'Hara's Beverage. Throughout 67 years of business, their store transformed from a poultry farm/store, to being one of the first "convenience" stores in Lorain, to the beverage store it is today frequented by many. Grace could still be found working there until just a few years ago. She was well respected in the community for her dedication and kind heart.

She was a member of the First Lutheran Church in Lorain, but had also enjoyed attending many other churches as well. When she was not working, she enjoyed working on her needlepoint, playing cards, dancing, and was quite an avid reader. Grace's true passion and devotion however was caring for her family.

She is survived by her children; Ralph (Beverly) O'Hara, of Lorain, and Althea (William) Dobbins, of Amherst, her step-children; Ralph (Sylvia) Smith, of Port Charlotte, FL, and David (Sue) Smith, of Milbury, OH, her grandchildren; Kathleen (Brant) Underwood, Kelly (Tim) Barsons, Kerry (Andrew) Melnyczenko, and Thomas O'Hara, her step-grandchildren; Annette, Cindi, Betsy, Stephanie, Jennifer, and Shelley, her great grandchildren; Kaitlyn Grace, Owen, Evan, Carson, and Colter, and her many step-great grandchildren, as well as her niece, Meta Wertz, and nephew, Carl J. Bender.



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Grace was preceded in death by her husband, T. Vance O'Hara in 1965, her second husband, David L. Smith in 1985, and her parents, and sister, Althea Bender.

The family will be holding private services at a later date. Memorial contributions can be made to First Lutheran Church of Lorain 1019 W 5th St, Lorain, OH 44052 or Hospice of the Western Reserve, 17876 St. Clair Ave , Cleveland OH 44110

The Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center, 1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst, is assisting the family with arrangements.

To send an online condolence, go to www.dovinreberjones.com.



Tribute Wall

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DR

Dee Rieger posted:

Ralph, Bev and family, so sorry for your loss. Dee and Terry Rieger

February 4 at 5:30 PM

HL

Holly Long posted:

"Grandma" was so loved and respected by so many people from all walks of life. She served as an inspiration through her smile, kindness, love and endless energy to keep moving forward. I was blessed to have her in my life and enjoyed all the "talks" we had together at the store. Prayers to the entire family and love to all!

January 31 at 6:25 AM

MS

Michael Smith posted:

my first real job growing up was at oharas beverage spot cleaning out the milk coolers and stocking beer and sorting bottles out back. learned a lot at 15 including being on time and working hard. grace was demanding but fair. my best wishes to the family. mike smith

January 31 at 4:17 AM

RS

Richard And Rosemary Schuler posted:

What a sweet lady Grace was. We've known her over 50 years from the time we bought 3 gallons milk for a dollar. May she rest in peace rewarded for the happiness she shared with so many. Dick and Rosemary Schuler

January 30 at 5:12 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Grace by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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