



## Sara Ann (Mummo) Ketola

January 31, 1941 - August 31, 2020

Sara Ann (Taggart) Ketola, 79, of Jefferson, passed away peacefully on Monday, August 31, 2020 in her home surrounded by her family: Denise, Chris and his son David, her Cousin Carol, close friends Joann, Brenda and the Bella Care team. She suffered a massive stroke requiring hospice care in her home.

Sara was born in Dorset, Ohio on January 31, 1941, eldest daughter of Albert C. Taggart and Janet J (Siferd) Taggart. A 1959 graduate of Jefferson High School, Sara married George H. Ketola on New Year's Eve December 31, 1959. Sara was a family-oriented person, a friend to everyone. She was a great Mom to her three kids plus a great second neighborhood Mom to the Godleski, McFarland and the Drown's kids.

Sara was a Rural Letter Carrier for over 26 years, mostly on Rural Route 2 out of Jefferson until her retirement in 2003. She enjoyed life and anything to do with otters, bowling, playing Bingo with her sisters and cousins, or walking her little man Beau. Sara was proud of her grandsons David A Ketola and Zane A Ketola.

She is survived by Beau (her baby), Frankie (the cat), her daughter Denise Marie Ketola, her son Chris Alan (Patty) Ketola, Grandsons David Alan Ketola and Zane Alan Ketola, Sisters Cora Riggelman and Alberta Kemmerer, Sister-in-laws Jeanette Redmond and Karlyn (James) Stein, extended family by love – son Randy (Sammy) Roach and his family, daughter Tamara (Jett) Green and her family, daughter by love-the Hart girls, Debbie (Dick) Fisher, Cheryl (Tim) Marshall, Barb aka “Bobbie” (Bob) Lemon and Julie (Scott) Watkins and their families, son Craig H (Vivajeau) Ketola, bestest friends Joann Gianantonio and Mo (Aaron) Gambrell, dear friends Brenda Niemi and Mister Terry Swalley.

Plus many many nieces and nephews and the entire Taggart family, bowling team and league and Senior C Group in Jefferson. Her K-9 fur family, Beau, Clark aka “Lughead”, Manny aka “Jughead”, Harlee and Braxton. Her feline fur family, Frankie, Midnight, Rocket, Lovey, Camo, and Sweetie.

She was preceded in death by her parents Albert C. and Janet J. Taggart, her husband of over 51 years, George H. Ketola aka "Grumpy", both paternal and maternal grandparents, sister Patricia J (Bill) Manger, sister by love Marilyn (Alan) Hart, her loving companion Jack V. Roach and brother-in-laws, Alan Smith and Mel (Jeanette) Redmond.

A large heart felt thank you to the Bella Care Hospice staff that helped Chris, Denise, and Carol to provide comfort care in this difficult time. There will be a small memorial service for family and close friends at a later date.

# Comments

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“ To Chris and family

I am sorry I must have missed the notice in the paper about your mom.. When my mail came yesterday I got a package so the mail man came back to give it to me and it wasn't you.. I asked him about your mom and he said she had passed I must have missed it in the paper but I don't know why.. That is one reason I get the paper.. Anyway I am truly sorry for your lose.. She was a good friend and I enjoyed all the time we spent together bowling.. She was a good bowler and we had a lot of fun through the years..

I hope you will forgive me for this is so long in coming.. Hope all is well with you and your family hope to see you again on the mail route..

a friend

Molly Grilly

**Molly Grilly** - October 10, 2020 at 11:21 AM

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“ Sara had a wonderful sense of humor and was always a joy to be around. She made me smile every time I saw her. She will be truly missed

**Anita Krulic** - September 18, 2020 at 05:58 AM

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“ She was my Aunt and she holds a very special place in my heart. I miss her so much.

R.I.P. Aunt Sara :( :( :( :(



**Aerick McCullough** - September 18, 2020 at 12:44 AM

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“ Our whole neighborhood was truly blessed to have so many Mom...i will remember Sarah big heart and her smile...got together with her last year and sat with my Mom and laughed and laughed. So glad we had that lunch together. To your family I hope you heal and when we get together to celebrate your Mom's life we get to reminisce about our "Glory Days" on Erie Street

**Sherri Presley** - September 17, 2020 at 09:31 PM

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“ I am so truly gonna miss you my friend. Thank you for always making me laugh and smile.

**Randy Douglas** - September 19, 2020 at 09:36 PM

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“ Sara was always a delight at bowling. I will miss seeing her walk bo around town. Will miss her dearly.

**Tonya Fultz** - September 17, 2020 at 09:28 PM

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“ There were 4 friends on West Erie Street in Jefferson, Sara Ketola, Marge Drown, Joann Godleski, and Pat McFarland, and all of us kids played softball, kickball, baseball, tag, rode bikes together, etc. The Ketola kids had to go in earlier than the rest of us. I will always remember Sara opening the front door and yelling Craiger, Deeder, Chrissier, time to come home! All the moms looked after each other's kids, depending on which yard we were playing at, or in the Drown's field where all of our ball games happened. Sara was a great lady and she will truly be missed! Hugs and prayers to you all!



**Kim and Kevin Jackson** - September 17, 2020 at 08:56 PM

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“ Where to start.. such a beautiful person ,friend, cousin. ..just an all around pleasant Lady...I am so Blessed to be part of your family...altho I picked on you at Bingo...sometimes I think you would wish I would go away ..but then if I was quite you wanted to know why...I think she liked me picking on her...I was so blessed to sit and hold your hand and pray with you...It was an honor to help your family... We all miss you so much...R.I.P cuz tell we meet again ..we all will be missing you..I U...

**Carol Sito** - September 17, 2020 at 08:42 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to the family is Sara Ketola. Sara had the biggest heart. While bowling shr treating my kids like they were her own grandkids. Always watxhinf owr us. You will be deeply missed Sara.

**Kimberly Cottle** - September 17, 2020 at 08:34 PM