



Mabel Rafalko

September 24, 1928 - February 20, 2025

Mabel F. Kramer-Rafalko (nee Roupe), age 96, of Lorain, died Thursday February 20, 2025 at Amherst Manor Nursing Home.

She was born September 24, 1928 in Uniontown, Pennsylvania to George & Merle Roupe (nee Matlick) and moved to Lorain in 1951.

Mabel was formerly employed as a production assistant at General Motors Fisher Guide Division in Elyria. She later obtained her cosmetologist's license and subsequently opened Mabel's Beauty Salon. In addition to her managerial duties at the salon, she served as an adjunct instructor at the Lorain Beauty School, predecessor to the Northern Institute of Cosmetology.

Mabel married Paul Kramer and had two sons, Kenneth Wayne Kramer and Ronald Paul Kramer. Mabel then married her second husband, Edward Rafalko with whom she shared a marriage of fifty-nine years. Ed passed away in 2014.

Mabel was an accomplished league bowler who participated extensively in tournaments throughout Northeast Ohio. Her bowling prowess led to her induction into the Lorain Bowling Hall of Fame at ceremonies conducted in 2010.

She is survived by her sons Kenneth Kramer (Cyndi) of Lorain and Ronald Kramer (Kay) of Delaware, Ohio; grandchildren: Missy Folley (Mike), Brandon Kramer & Adriane Winkler (Eric); great grandchildren Brandon Folley, Mikenna Folley Thomas (Monty), Gregory Winkler and Alexander Kramer-Winkler; sisters: Eleanor Grieb and Betty Roupe, both of Maryland, Gladys Collins of Pennsylvania and sister-in-law Marion Roupe also of Pennsylvania. She was preceded in death by her husband of fifty-nine years Edward F. Rafalko in 2014, her parents George and Merle Roupe (nee Matlick), brothers Harry & Donald Roupe sisters: Thelma Cusick, Virginia Gray, Norma Lyons and Delores Zentkovich as well as her infant great grandson Thomas Kramer-Winkler..

The family will receive friends Monday from: 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. in the Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel, 3224 Broadway, Lorain. Funeral services will be conducted there on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. with Reverend Danny Parsons presiding. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memory Gardens in Avon.

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Memory Gardens

3700 Center Rd
Avon, OH 44011
<https://www.memorialplanning.com/cemeteries/resthaven-memory-gardens>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **24**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel
3224 Broadway
Lorain, OH 44055
(440) 246-2118
gluvnashimohromada@gmail.com
<http://www.gluvnashimohromada.com>

Funeral Services

FEB **25**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BR

“ *The Broken Chain*

*We little knew that morning
That God would call your name.
In life we loved you dearly
In death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to loose you
You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
You left us precious memories
Your love is still our guide.
And though we cannot see you
You are always by our side.
Our Family chain is broken
And nothing seems the same.
But as God calls us one by one
The chain will link again.*

Author Unknown - Submitted by Betty Roupe, Sister

Betty Roupe - February 27, 2025 at 01:46 PM

EB

“ *Eddie, Betty, & Joyce Bowens purchased the Full
Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mabel Rafalko.*



Eddie, Betty, & Joyce Bowens - February 22, 2025 at 03:11 PM

JG

“ Deepest sympathy to Mabel's loving family.

Jean Joe Gersch - February 22, 2025 at 09:32 AM

LS

“ Love and Sympathy purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mabel Rafalko.



Love and Sympathy - February 22, 2025 at 09:27 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mabel Rafalko.



February 21, 2025 at 07:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mabel Rafalko.

February 21, 2025 at 05:27 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mabel Rafalko.



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