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Lutheran Women's Missionary League

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Joy Dougherty Called Home to Glory

St. Louis, MO – September 1, 2015 - Joy Dougherty, Toledo, Ohio, died after a valiant fight with cancer on August 30, 2015, and is home in the arms of her Savior, Jesus.

Joy served as Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Recording Secretary from 2013 until her death. Joy was born on April 8, 1941. She was a baptized child of God and a pastor's daughter.

Joy previously served her Lord at the local LWML level, as president and vice president of the zone, chairman of the district nominating committee, LWML Ohio District President, and mission editor of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*.

Joy was active in the community and held several offices for the International Association of Administrative Professionals, the Ohio Business Teachers Association, and the local chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Joy was most recently employed as an associate professor at the University of Toledo. She enjoyed creative writing and editing, her family, and spending time with friends.

Joy once shared, "My prayer is that LWML will continue to fill each woman with the eagerness and enthusiasm to grow spiritually, to support missions, and to be an ambassador for our Lord and Savior in word and deed wherever she is placed." She would have wanted to be remembered as a woman of faith who loved her husband and family dearly, treasured her Lutheran education, and who lived a life of service to her Lord and to her profession.

Joy is survived by her husband John, three children, and seven grandchildren.

Joy's favorite Bible verse is *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make straight your paths* (Proverbs 3:5 RSV).

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio, and a worship celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, September 5, 2015 at 11 a.m.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries, and to support global missions.

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