

**MS-655: Victor and Mary Kay Plassenthal Funeral Cards Collection**

**Collection Number:** MS-655

**Title:** Victor and Mary Kay Plassenthal Funeral Cards Collection

**Dates:** 1937-2009 (bulk 1980-2009)

**Creator:** Plassenthal, Mary Catherine (Rindler), 1923-2010

**Scope and Content Note:**

The collection consists of approximately 168 funeral cards, also known as Mass cards or remembrance cards, for the family and friends of Victor and Mary Kay Plassenthal, most of whom were Catholic and Miami Valley residents. The cards usually include the person's name; birth, death, funeral, and burial information; a prayer or religious verse; and sometimes a photograph or additional information about family members.

**Quantity/Physical Description:** 1 linear foot (about 168 items)

**Language(s):** English, Spanish

**Repository:**

Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-0001, (937) 775-2092

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**Acquisition:**

The collection was donated to Special Collections and Archives, Wright State University Libraries, by Victor and Mary Kay's daughter Janis (Plassenthal) Warne, in May 2019.

**Other Finding Aid:**

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at <https://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/ms655.pdf>. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

**Processed by:** Processed by Karen Pittman and finding aid written according to DACS standards by Lisa Rickey, June 2019.

**Arrangement:** The cards are arranged in two groupings, according to size, then alphabetically by name within each of the two groupings.

**Biographical/Historical Note:**

Mary Catherine (Rindler) Plassenthal was born in 1923 in Mercer County, Ohio. Home was a farm just north of North Star, Ohio, which happens to be in Darke County. Her parents were Joseph J. Rindler and his wife Loretta C. (Dillhoff). Mary Catherine was the third of fifteen children, four of whom died as infants.

She graduated from Versailles High School and then moved to Dayton to attend nursing school at Good Samaritan School of Nursing, graduating in 1945.

In August of 1948, she married Victor Robert Plassenthal of Dayton. He was born in 1920 in Dayton to Frank L. Plassenthal and his wife Catherine E. (Seitz). Victor was one of eight children raised in North Dayton on Baltimore Street. He attended Chaminade High School and was nominated for the Daily News Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame for his pitching ability with the Class "C" baseball league while playing for Reynolds and Reynolds Company team, Reynocos.

Vic and Mary Kay (as they were known) originally had a home on Kiefaber Street but just before their birth of their daughter Janis in 1955, they purchased a home on Hillcrest Avenue just a half block from Main Street. The family was active in the parish of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church and all five of their children attended elementary school grades 1-8 at the parish school.

Vic served in the Army Air Corps as a Tech Sergeant and Crew Chief responsible for repairing the Lockheed P-38 aircraft during World War II while stationed with the 434 Fighter Squadron. After the war he was employed on one of the assembly lines at National Cash Register in Dayton.

Vic died on February 14, 2002, and Mary Kay passed away July 27, 2010, both in Dayton. They are buried in Calvary Cemetery, Dayton.

*(The above biographical information was provided by the donor, Janis Plassenthal Warne.)*

**Subject Terms**

**Persons/Families**

Plassenthal, Mary Catherine (Rindler), 1923-2010

Plassenthal, Victor Robert, 1920-2002

**Subjects (General)**

Funeral rites and ceremonies -- Dayton (Ohio)