



## Kay E. Champion

May 14, 1920 - January 28, 2018

Kay E. Champion 97, of Naples, FL and a former resident of Sheffield Lake, OH passed away on Sunday, January 28, 2018. She was born May 14, 1920 in Homorod, Romania, a daughter of the late Kalman and Irene (Nagy) Talaba. She had been a resident of Naples for the past year.

She immigrated to the United States in 1922 with her family. She would later become a German interpreter for the U.S. Government. She married her husband, Glenn A. Champion, Sr. on May 2, 1942 and they were married for 67 years.

She is survived by her son, Glenn A. Champion, Jr. and his wife, Claudette of Macomb, MI, two daughters, Lynne Carver of Conway, SC and Candice Mills and Larry of Naples, FL; grandchildren, Jeff, Bernard, Renee, Amy, Angela, Amber and Rynanne; great grandchildren, Jeffrey, Jacob, Brandon, Mason, Dalton, and Haylee and one great-great grandchild, Rylan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn on March 20, 2009 and 4 brothers and one sister.

Services for Kay are pending at this time.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.co](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.co)

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Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home (239)  
992-4982.

# Tribute Wall

CM

“ Today we are all remembering our Mother, Grandma, and Aunt on this 14th day of May, 2026, for her birthday. Thank you for all the messages from Angie, Amber, Lynne, and Patti that I received this morning honoring her!



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**Candice Mills** - May 14 at 02:51 PM

CM

“ I am thinking of Mom today on Mother's Day as I really do every day! I celebrated by going shopping and remembering all those times that we shopped together.



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**Candice Mills** - May 10 at 04:18 PM

CM

“ It is January 28, 2026, and I have been missing Mom for 8 years now. Angela sent a rose message to me in honor of you because we all still remember how wonderful it was to have you in our lives.



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**Candice Mills** - January 28 at 10:49 AM

CM

“ Thinking of you on your birthday, May 14, 2025, and wishing you were here. Love,



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**Candice Mills** - May 14, 2025 at 06:59 PM

CM

“ I'm remembering Mom today on this Mother's day, May 11, 2025. Not a day goes by that I don't recall a saying or quote that she has said.



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**Candice Mills** - May 11, 2025 at 12:17 PM

CM

“ I thought of you today, but that is nothing new. I thought about you yesterday and days before that too. I think of you in silence, I often speak your name. All I have are memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is a keepsake from which I'll never part. God has you in His arms, I have you in my heart.



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**Candice Mills** - January 28, 2025 at 10:58 AM

CM

“ Today it has been 6 years since mother's Celebration of Life, June 24, 2018. I am thinking of you today and always.



Candice Mills - June 24, 2024 at 05:26 PM

CM

“ Remembering Mom today on this Mother's Day, May 12, 2024.



Candice Mills - May 12, 2024 at 11:26 AM

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Candice Mills - January 28, 2024 at 08:49 AM

CM

“ I am thinking of Mom today on January 28, 2024. Six years has passed. This day every year I always remember the last time I was with you.



Candice Mills - January 28, 2024 at 08:48 AM

CM

“ *Candice Mills lit a candle in memory of Kay  
Campion*



Candice Mills - January 28, 2024 at 08:47 AM



“ *Kay E. Campion*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM

CA

“ *I am remembering my mother today on this  
fourth anniversary of her passing. She is  
deeply missed.*



Candice - January 28, 2022 at 08:36 AM

CM

“ *I am remembering Mother today. It was 3  
years ago that I had arranged a Celebration  
of Life ceremony for her. After the church  
ceremony, we all went to Ryan's Buffet in  
Sandusky, Ohio, and had a delicious meal,  
lavender chicken, in her honor with our family and special friends of  
mine from Brookside High School. She would have loved it.*



Candice Lee Mills - June 24, 2021 at 07:46 PM

CM

“ I AM THINKING OF MOM TODAY ON HER BIRTHDAY AND REMEMBERING THE BIRTHDAYS WE SPENT TOGETHER. YOU ARE ALWAYS IN MY HEART!



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**Candice L Mills** - May 14, 2021 at 12:40 PM

CM

“ On May 2, 2021, our parent's wedding anniversary, Larry and I went to see Dad's grave at the Ohio Veteran's Home Cemetery and placed lilacs from their bush and a red, white & blue ribbon on it. While I was taking pictures, I walked around the back of his grave stone and saw that Mom's name was now engraved on it. When I gave a portion of Mom's ashes to Reverend Birmingham, I was told they could not put her name on Dad's grave stone, and that was their policy. I am so appreciative to Reverend Birmingham and the Ohio Veteran's Home.



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**Candice Mills** - May 14, 2021 at 12:33 PM

CM

“ *Loved So Deeply*  
By J. K. Rowling

*“Love as powerful as your mother’s  
for you leaves its own mark.  
To have been loved so deeply,  
even though the person who loved us is gone,  
will give us some protection forever.”*

*I am remembering my Mother today, January 28, 2021, on the third anniversary of her death. I remember comforting her, feeding her, and talking to her, even though she could not speak. on those last hours of her life. I was glad I was there, but it is a very painful memory because I thought I could have done more. I feel her presence now more than ever.*

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**Candice Mills** - January 28, 2021 at 10:48 AM



CM

“ *Today I was remembering how we got together, the day after the funeral, at Shoreway Beach and tossed flowers in Lake Erie in Mom's honor. We remembered all our times swimming there with her. She loved to swim.*

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**Candice L Mills** - June 25, 2020 at 04:51 PM

CM

“ *Today on January 28, 2020, It has been two years since my mother, Kay E. Champion has passed. I purchased a hyacinth that I will plant in the yard as a remembrance of her. She loved that flower particularly because it was a sign of spring in Ohio. I have devoted today to remembering our times together and having a moment of silence at 3:00 p.m.*

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**Candice Mills** - January 28, 2020 at 12:22 PM



CM

“ Today is May 12th, Mother's Day, and my mother's birthday falls on May 14th. I am thinking of her and remembering all the birthdays and Mother's Days we spent together. I particularly remember the time we went to the tea room in Avon Lake and had lunch with all the other mother's and daughters. It was her 95th.



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**Candice Mills** - May 12, 2019 at 04:36 PM

CM

“ I woke up this morning remembering it has been a year since my mother has passed. I tried to keep her as comfortable as I could through those last days of her life. There is not a day that goes by that I don't think of something she said or did. I find myself using her words and phrases myself. I miss all of our talks. I miss her advice and knowledge, but most of all I just miss her being with me.



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**Candice Mills** - January 28, 2019 at 08:57 AM

CM

“ I have sent personalized thank you cards to all who have attended the memorial service on June 24, 2018, but I would like to thank all of those friends and family who called or sent cards as well who were unable to attend. Your thoughts and kind words were very much appreciated. .

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**Candice Mills** - August 10, 2018 at 09:49 AM

CM

“ The memorial service for Kay E. Campion will be on Sunday, June 24, 2018, at 1:00 p.m., at Ohio Veteran's Home Giffin Chapel, 3416 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio.  
Reverend Paul Birmingham will be officiating. Interment will be at the Ohio Veteran's Home Cemetery, Sandusky, Ohio.

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**Candice Mills** - May 22, 2018 at 07:11 AM

CM

“ I have been remembering all the past Mother's Days and birthdays on this day of May 14, 2018, which would have been Mom's 98th birthday. I am thankful that I was able to share most of them with her in the last years of her life.

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**Candice Mills** - May 14, 2018 at 04:00 PM

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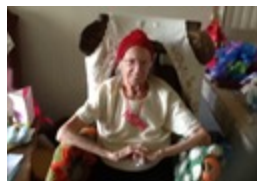
“ I went to Walmart and Sunshine Ace Hardware last week and saw one of Mom's nurse's, Abner, and Santa Claus, and his Great Pyranese, Samson who visited with Mom during her stay at North Collier Hospital over Christmas, 2017. I thanked them for being there for her.

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**Candice Mills** - March 12, 2018 at 06:34 PM

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**Candice Mills** - February 27, 2018 at 08:52 AM

LH

“ She had s long and wonderful life, and touched so many lives around her. She had unlimited love and kindness for everyone and knew how to use tough love, a "mother's love." I had the special privilege to call her Mother. She will be with me all my life and I know I will see her again. I love you, Mother.



Larry Hurst - February 21, 2018 at 08:38 PM

CM

“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Wall Album



Candice Mills - February 13, 2018 at 05:21 PM

DK

“ Rest in Peace, Kay you deserve it. You were more like family than our neighbor. I will always treasure our long talks. I know Wally will never forget all the great food you gave him. You were very special to all of us. You watched Michelle and Nicole grow up and have families of their own. WE WILL MISS YOU KAY.

Love,  
Dolly and Wally Konjura

Dolly Konjura - February 07, 2018 at 04:26 PM

CM

Thank you for sharing, Dolly.

Candice Mills - February 09, 2018 at 08:30 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Wall Album*



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**Candice Mills** - February 06, 2018 at 07:32 PM

DK

“ We were sorry to hear of the passing of your Mom and Grandma. She always had a smile and a friendly laugh. It was always fun getting together for family gatherings. She usually brought her famous Kolachy cookies filled with strawberry jam.

We know how much she will be missed. We are thinking of all of you.

Love, Doug and Dawn Kramer

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**dawn kramer** - February 04, 2018 at 05:48 PM

CM

Thank you. I remember helping her make some of those cookies. She loved to cook and Dad loved to eat.

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**Candice Mills** - February 05, 2018 at 06:14 PM

AS

“ To my sweet and loving grandma ❤️ You will be greatly missed. Your memories and love will always live on inside of me. I think of you often and look up to heaven and know you are living a life of peace and joy. I know you prayed for me and my family everyday and loved us all unconditionally. You blessed my life in so many ways and I will be forever grateful to have you as my grandma ❤️🙏

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**Amy Smith** - February 03, 2018 at 06:04 PM

JC

“ *My Grandma:*

*She will be greatly missed. Everyone in the Sheffield Lake, Ohio community knew who she was. Many a morning you could find her on her bicycle riding up to the lake. This continued all the way into her late 80's. She was very outgoing and would talk to anyone young or old. Instantly, she could bring smiles to someone's face with her infectious positive attitude. And then finish it off with a warm hug and a smile. Anytime I took her somewhere like the grocery store or out to eat. she would stop and grab a hold of someone telling them to look her in the eye and then tell them how special they are. That was my grandma, Outgoing, feisty and loving.*

*She cared deeply for my wife and 2 sons (great grandkids) as well. Remembering all the trips and many discussions over the phone throughout the years.*

*God bless you grandma and heaven has received an angel.*

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**Jeff Champion** - February 03, 2018 at 10:07 AM

CM

“ My mother was the type of person who loved you unconditionally. She would stand up for you and build you up with compliments. She wrote letters and cards until she was unable to, remembering everyone at holidays, birthdays, or any occasion, even a "Thinking of You" card, just because. We used to have long phone calls and discuss everything that was going on in the world. If I wasn't home, she would leave a message, and end the call with, "Love, Mother," as if she was ending a letter. She made a friend in everyone she met at every store or restaurant. She would shake everyone's hand and give them the FBI handshake that people always remembered. Whenever I would go back to Ohio to visit, she made a sign that she hung that said, "Welcome Home, Candy," to show how grateful she was that I came. When anyone left the house, she would stand at the window and wave until you were out of sight. I was always looking back to see if she was still there. My mother was truly one of a kind. I will carry our memories with me always and miss her more every day as days pass. Love, your baby, Candy.



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**Candice Mills** - February 03, 2018 at 09:01 AM

MS

“ Mrs. Campion was impressive as a lady of true dignity . A first class wife to Glen, and a true patriot in the service of her adopted Country in WWII. Kay was Gods gift to her children. Her love will not be forgotten, ever. Kay has been called home to be with Jesus, and he knows of all the good things she did in life. She was well cared for by her beloved daughter, Candy. Kay was always the first to help and never judgemental. A rare human being was lost and she is irreplaceable. God bless you Kay. Love, Mike Sterlace

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**Mike Sterlace** - February 02, 2018 at 10:26 PM

CM

*Thank you for your kind words.*

**Candice Mills** - February 03, 2018 at 12:56 PM



“ *Goforth Amber sent a virtual gift in memory of Kay E. Campion*



**Goforth Amber** - February 02, 2018 at 07:58 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Goforth Amber** - February 02, 2018 at 07:52 PM



“ *Goforth Amber lit a candle in memory of Kay E. Campion*



**Goforth Amber** - February 02, 2018 at 07:50 PM



“ *My Amazing Grandma was the best God could have ever gave me..Grandma I can't Thank you enough for the Love and Prayers you did for us girls/children our whole lives.. I'm glad you and Grandpa are together again and I will see again in Heaven.. You will always live on in my Heart, Thoughts and Prayers. Love Love Love you Grandma*

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**Goforth Amber** - February 02, 2018 at 07:49 PM

JP

“ *I recently married into Kay's family and had the privilege of traveling out to meet her not long ago. So glad I did, I had the greatest time getting to know her and enjoying her feisty spirit. She was truly a unique individual and I genuinely liked her. God bless you Grandma Kay.*

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**Jeff Potter** - February 02, 2018 at 05:11 PM

AP

“ *It's hard to believe she's gone. My Grandma was one tough yet loving woman and I will forever admire her strength, courage and love. She loved her family more than anything in the world and no matter how many miles were between us, I could always feel her near in my heart. I will miss her in this life but I know I will see her again in Heaven.  
May the Lord be with all of us as we grieve the lost of such a beautiful woman. I love you Grandma!*

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**Angie Potter** - February 02, 2018 at 03:50 PM