



**Mary (Ertl) Toth**  
**U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps**  
**4 September 1944 – 12 June 1947**

Mary was born on 29 October 1925 in Northampton, Pennsylvania. She attended grade school at Our Lady of Hungary School in Northampton from 1931 to 1939, and graduated from Allentown Central Catholic School in Allentown, Pennsylvania, in June 1943. In September of the following year, she enrolled in Nursing School at The Elizabeth General Hospital And Dispensary in Elizabeth, New Jersey, and simultaneously as a Cadet Nurse in Training in the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps, a program established by the Federal Government in 1943 to ensure that the United States had enough nurses to care for the needs of its citizens on both the home and war fronts during World War II. Participants in the Cadet Nurse Corps pledged to actively serve in essential civilian, military, or Federal hospitals for the duration of the war. Mary graduated from the nursing school on 28 September 1947, shortly after her graduation and release from the Cadet Nurse Corps on 12 June 1947 as part of the Government process of winding down the Corps' membership after the war. Mary was certified as a Registered Nurse by the New Jersey Board of Nursing on 1 June 1948 and by the Pennsylvania Board of Nursing on 2 August 1948. On 28 August 1948 she married **Walter William Toth** (born 20 November 1924), in Northampton. Walter served in the Marine Corps in the Pacific during World War II. After her graduation from nursing school, Mary practiced continuously as a Nurse until her retirement in 1976, except for about four years when she took some time off to raise her two new-born children, **Sandra Marie Toth** and **Richard William Toth**. Mary worked for Sacred Heart Hospital in Allentown for over 11½ years where she performed as a General and Private Duty Nurse; Allentown State Hospital for 1 year as a Staff Nurse and Assistant Head Nurse; 1½ years for Lehigh County Public Health Nursing Association as a Staff Nurse; and 11 years as an Industrial Nurse for Mack Trucks, Inc., from which she retired. During her nursing career, Mary continued her education by completing several nursing-related child psychology courses at Muhlenberg College during 1954 and 1955, and an Audiology Program at Kutztown University in 1970. After their marriage, Mary and Walter lived in Northampton. In November 1952, they moved to Allentown until May 1994, when they permanently settled in Lower Macungie Township, Pennsylvania. Mary became a charter member of the former Allentown Lioness Club. Mary's parents were **Rudolph Ertl** (8 April 1901 – 17 June 1979), and **Mary Paukovitz Ertl** (3 September 1903 – 21 November 1976), both of whom were born in Austria. Mary's uncles, **Michael Ertl** and **Frank Ertl**, also served during World War II in the Army.