



Alice Jean Fischbach

July 11, 1925 - November 30, 2025

Alice Jean Fischbach, 100, of Wapakoneta, passed away peacefully, Sunday afternoon, November 30, 2025, at Lima Memorial Health System, with her loving family at her side. She was born July 11, 1925, in Wapakoneta, the daughter of the late Oscar H. Sr. and Helen (Langhorst) Erb. In 1945, she married Ralph Mertz, Sr., and he preceded her in death. On October 4, 1957, she married Donald Paul Fischbach, and he died July 9, 2024.

Survivors include,

5 children,

Karen L. (Brent) Dearbaugh, New Albany, OH,

Jean A. (John) Gilroy, Wapakoneta,

Ralph V. (Darla) Mertz, Columbus, OH,

Lynette E. (Paul) Crow, Edmond, OK,

Donald P. Jr., (Lisa) Fischbach, Pepper Pike, OH;

15 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren , 3 great great grandchildren;

brother, Lewis (Helen) Erb, Sr., Wapakoneta.

She was preceded in death by her siblings, Oscar, Jr., Richard, and Eileen Briscoe.

Alice retired from the Wapakoneta City Schools cafeteria, after 25 years of service. A 1944 graduate of Blume High School, she was a lifelong resident of Wapakoneta and a life member of St. Paul United Church of Christ, Wapakoneta. For many years, Alice and her husband Don enjoyed golfing and ballroom dancing. She was an accomplished bridge player and enjoyed chair

volleyball at Otterbein-Cridersville.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Thursday, December 4, 2025, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, with Chaplain Peter Citrin officiating. Burial is to follow in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta.

The family will receive friends 12-2 p.m., Thursday, December 4, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Paul United of Christ.

Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Cemetery

Presar Road
Wapakoneta, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
1102 Lincoln Ave.
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com
<http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com>

Service

DEC 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JZ

“ Dear Don,
My sincere sympathies to your and your entire family on the occasion of your mother’s passing. She was a lovely lady who raised a wonderful family.
John Zimmerman

John Zimmerman - December 05, 2025 at 05:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alice Jean Fischbach.



December 03, 2025 at 08:24 PM

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“ Milinda G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alice Jean Fischbach.

Milinda G. - December 02, 2025 at 01:12 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alice Jean Fischbach.



December 02, 2025 at 01:12 PM

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“ *Grandma Alice, the only way I have ever known her. She is my daughter in law's grandmother. I loved Grandma Alice from the first time I met her. She had such a jest for life and a larger then life presence! Always cheerful and just a pleasure to be around. I am thankful I had the pleasure to be a very small part of her life. Rest in peace Alice. You will be sorely missed. Milinda Groves*

Milinda Groves - December 02, 2025 at 12:49 PM