



Ann Kay Cecere

November 25, 1930 - September 6, 2020

Ann K. Cecere, 89, of Otterbein-Cridersville and Wapakoneta, died 3:34 p.m., Sun. Sept. 6, 2020, at Mercy Health-St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima, surrounded by her loving family. She was born Nov. 25, 1930, in Detroit, MI, the daughter of Alfred & Josephine (DeNicola) Palombo, who preceded her in death. On Feb. 3, 1951, she married George A. Cecere, and he preceded her in death on July 25, 2012.

Survivors include,

a sister, Marie Chmielewski, Suttons Bay, MI;

3 children, Cheryl (Todd) Williamson, Lima, OH,

George (Terri) Cecere, Centerville, OH,

Joni (Frank) Altrui, Riverview, FL;

grandchildren, Joanna (Fred) Dill, Hagerstown, IN,

Andrew (Wendy) Murino, Lima, OH,

Nick (Amanda) Cecere, Boulder, CO,

Jamie (Seth) Ellis, Lima, OH;

great grandchildren, Brennen, Carter, Lillian, Lucas, Adrianna, Evelyn, Austin, & Owen.

A homemaker, Ann worked at the Piece Goods Shop, Herwig's Drug Store, Friend's Office Supplies, and the office of Dr. Searcy, D.D.S. She was a long time member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, where she was

active with various church organizations. She was a charter member and chaplain at the Perpetual Chapel, and was active with St. Vincent DePaul. Ann was a member & past president of the Wapakoneta Woman's Club, and a charter member of Stephen Ministries. Her other memberships included The Red Hat Society, and the Junior Service League. Ann enjoyed crossword puzzles, her Mahjonn group, and everything "Peanut Butter". She was very creative with family activities such as songs, poems, and limericks to name a few. She was always quick witted and had a great sense of humor. Ann always chose to be happy and project a positive outlook on life, whatever challenges came her way.

"Mom/Grandma/ Ann was our singer of songs, teller of jokes, and writer of silly stories. She loved family fiercely, as well as every dog she ever knew. Above all else, Ann had a lifelong devotion to her family and an unwavering sense of joy, strength, and pride found in nurturing those she loved. "In her 89 years, she left a smile on the face of every person she met".

Private family services will be at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, Wapakoneta with Rev. Jedidiah Tritle officiating. Burial will be in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Auglaize Co. Humane Society. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Cemetery

Presar Road
Wapakoneta, OH

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ann Kay Cecere.*



September 13, 2020 at 11:32 AM



“ *YOU, HAVE OUR SYMPATHY, FOR YOUR LOSS, FROM WAYNE BOWERSOCK, & MARGE, MARLATT*

marge marlatt - September 11, 2020 at 01:37 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ann Kay Cecere.*



September 11, 2020 at 09:20 AM

DB

“ My Aunt Annie was a loving, smiling, beauty devoted to my Uncle Georgie as he was known to the family. My earliest memories of her are of them sitting on the sofa together at my Grandma's house. She was young and laughing. She played with me and we had tea parties. When she had Cheryl, her first baby, she still had me come over to play, even as Cheryl was a toddler and we could play together.

Aunt Annie and I reminisced about this many times over the years. Once she bought me a ceramic set of animals that we painted together. I never forgot that set. It was fun and messy. Not an item I would be allowed to have at my house.

When she and my Uncle moved to Ohio, cards notes and cut outs followed. As her own family grew it was always fun to receive their glittery, sticker covered hand made Christmas cards. She was always a fan of me, always comforting, always good medicine for a child's self esteem. She also gave love to my children and grandchildren and prayed for us. While I am sad for myself, her children and their families have lost an unending well of love. I send them my love and sympathy as only an immeasurable loss deserves.

Debbie Monaco Bagnato - September 10, 2020 at 11:27 PM

CS

“ She was my Brownie Troop Leader 60 years ago and I never forgot her beautiful smile. As I remember she made everything fun. What a sweet woman.



Cindy Schwer - September 10, 2020 at 12:54 AM

JZ

“ My deepest condolences to George, Terri, and all the Cecere family. Mrs. C. always had a smile and made you feel special. Childhood memories recall her hospitality and happy times. Thanks George for being a great friend; I'm thinking of you and your family.

John Zimmerman - September 09, 2020 at 10:43 PM

MC

“ Sending prayers and heartfelt condolences at this very sad time.
Michael Clarke

Michael Murray Clarke - September 09, 2020 at 05:54 PM

BW

“ Ann Cecere was our Brownie Scout leader. She was creative and made the meetings a lot of fun. A pretty and classy lady. My condolences.

Beckie (King) Watercutter - September 09, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ann Kay Cecere.



September 09, 2020 at 02:09 PM

PR

“ *What a wonderful woman! As a child, it was unusual to meet an adult who didn't scold you for something. Auntie Annie never scolded, was never cross, and was always a joy to be around. Later on in my life I could see how she kept track of everyone in her family. She reached out and let us know we were all important to her. She was so very special and she will be missed.*

Peggy Rademacher - September 09, 2020 at 11:22 AM

PR

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Peggy Rademacher - September 09, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ann Kay Cecere.*



September 08, 2020 at 06:12 PM

AH

“ When Ann could no longer take care of her sweet dog, Lottie, I had called Otterbein after my pet passed away to see if anyone had a pet that needed a home. God was looking over us. I not only gained a dog but a best friend too. Ann and I had so much in common and we talked once or twice every day. Lottie was our dog and I made sure Ann got to see her as often as possible. I only knew Ann for a little over a year but it was like I have known her all my life. She was a special, special person. I loved her so much.

Ann Henry - September 08, 2020 at 05:42 PM

MV

“ A wonderful woman who taught many of us to love life and enjoy every moment. RIP Beautiful Lady.

Mary Ann Valentine - September 08, 2020 at 03:48 PM

GW

“ It is too hard to put into words what George & Ann meant to us as a young couple owning a home for the first time and living in a somewhat "retirement" community. They were wonderful friends, neighbors, 2nd parents, adopted grandparents to our girls, and so much more. The fun we had living beside them and our Pizza Hut nights will never be forgotten. We were so blessed to have known them and the enrichment they placed in our lives is like no other. Ann's smile will be missed and her quick wit when having a visit (in person or on the phone). Our youngest daughter commented that she will miss Ann's random emails about life and how things were going. She is now home with the love of her life, George, and most likely doing a crossword puzzle.

Our deepest sympathy to everyone.

Gary & Deb Walls

Gary & Deb Walls - September 08, 2020 at 03:47 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ann Kay Cecere.*



September 08, 2020 at 03:33 PM