



Barbara L. Tester

July 23, 1928 - September 12, 2018

Barbara L. Tester, 90, of Wapakoneta, died 2:30 p.m., Wed. Sept. 12, 2018, at The Gardens, Wapakoneta. She was born July 23, 1928, in Wapakoneta, the daughter of Ellwood A. & Harriett E. "Betty" (Blume) Chesbrough. On Dec. 24, 1950, she married Alfred "Al" Tester, and he survives.

Other survivors include,

2 sons, Steven Tester, Toledo, OH,

David (Trina) Tester, Hamilton, OH,

2 grandsons, Scott (Jennifer) Tester, Seattle, WA,

Matthew (Lauren) Tester, Liberty Twp., OH,

2 great grandsons, Nolan & Beckett Tester, Liberty Twp., OH.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her step-mother, Laurene Chesbrough, and a brother, Dennis Chesbrough.

Barbara graduated from The Ohio State University in 1950 with a bachelor's degree in physical education. She taught many years at St. Joseph High School, Wapakoneta. She later went back to school and obtained a degree in elementary education. She taught second grade at Centennial Elementary and then fourth grade at Northridge Elementary and retired at age 65.

For several years after retirement, Barbara volunteered at Cridersville Elementary where her son, David, was principal. She joined the Wapakoneta YMCA and went faithfully 3 times a week for more than 20 years. She loved

going out to eat with her friends, and going to the library, as she was an avid reader. She was a loyal fan of The Ohio State Buckeyes and the Cincinnati Reds, watching or listening to nearly every game.

Barbara loved her family. There was nothing she liked more than having them all around her, playing games and laughing with them. Her 2 grandsons grew up in Wapakoneta, so she was able to see them frequently as they grew. Barbara, along with her husband Al, enjoyed attending the grandsons' athletic events.

The family would like to thank long time caregiver, Donna Baker, and the staff at The Gardens for the loving care Barbara received.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Mon. Sept. 17, 2018, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, with Rev. Sean Wilson officiating. Burial is to follow in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Wapakoneta. The family will receive friends 2-6 p.m., Sun. Sept. 16, 2018, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, 1102 Lincoln Ave., (St. Rt. 501), Wapakoneta. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Wapakoneta YMCA or St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Wapakoneta Fisher Road
Wapakoneta, OH 45895`

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **16**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

SEP **17**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Pearl Street
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Tribute Wall

ML

“ *My son, Mike had her as a teacher in the 2nd grade. She was so kind and caring. RIP Mrs. Tester.*

Marcia A Laman - September 14, 2018 at 11:04 AM

DN

A favorite teacher of mine. Lots of fun in her health class at St Joe! Also sat next to Steve in band. I will miss her. My condolences.. Deb Niese

Deborah Niese - September 14, 2018 at 10:02 PM

JJ

Our son, Vince Jolly, absolutely loved Mrs. Tester for his 4th grade at Centennial School. she was so much fun and such a caring teacher too! She was always friendly when we would see her at the grocery or uptown somewhere and always wanted to know about our son and where he worked and what town he was living in. She touched so many lives in such an important way! Our condolences to her husband, Al, and their children & grandchildren! Joan & Vincent Jolly

joan jolly - September 16, 2018 at 03:29 PM

MK

My sincere sympathy to the Tester family. Mrs. Tester was my Physical education and Health class teacher all four years of high school 1963-1967. Mrs Tester was a great teacher and a very wonderful, caring person. You could always talk with her anytime. God Bless You all. Mary Bowsher Kettler

Mary Kettler - October 08, 2018 at 10:04 PM