



## Barbara Anne Wheeler

July 26, 1930 - February 6, 2026

Barbara Anne Wheeler, 95, of Wapakoneta, passed away at 6:00 p.m., Friday, February 6, 2026, at Otterbein-Cridersville. She was born July 26, 1930, in Sidney, Ohio, the daughter of the late Melvin and Mary (Meyer) Elsass. On August 30, 1952, she married Harold F. Wheeler, and he preceded her in death on July 23, 2004.

Survivors include,

5 sons, Rick (Tonia) Wheeler, Crawfordsville, IN,

William Wheeler Columbus, OH,

Daniel (Cindy-dec) Wheeler, Riverview, FL,

David (Debbie) Wheeler, Wapakoneta,

John (Tina) Wheeler, Wapakoneta;

11 grandchildren;

15 great grandchildren;

sister, Marilyn Speckman, St. Marys, OH.

Barbara was a longtime member of St. Paul United Church of Christ, Wapakoneta, and a 1948 graduate of St. Joseph High School. She worked as a census taker with Robinson Directories and managed the Cheese Wedge, Wapakoneta. She also served as the first Welcome Wagon Hostess of Auglaize County, and along with her husband, Harold, owned and operated the Dairy Queen on Auglaize Street, Wapakoneta. Barbara enjoyed crafts, painting, and recently, coloring.

Private family funeral services will be held at a later date. Memorial

contributions may be directed to St. Paul United Church of Christ, Otterbein-Cridersville, or Universal Home Health & Hospice. Arrangements are under the direction of the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, Wapakoneta, where condolences may be expressed at [www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Resthaven Memory Gardens

C.R. 33A  
St. Marys, OH 45885

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall



“ *I have very fond memories of Barbara! I worked for her at the Cheese Wedge. I got to know most of the family. Hugs and prayers to all you boys! Your mother was such a nice women!*

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**Anne Schneider Fuerst** - February 09 at 01:29 PM

DA

*Thank you for your kind words, Anne.*

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**Dave** - February 09 at 08:23 PM

KB

“ *To all 5 sons, but especially our wonderful friend, Bill, we want to offer our condolences! She seems to have had a great life! We offer prayers for her eternal rest and peace in God! Sending love and hugs Bill! You are in our thoughts!*

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**Kim Montgomery & John Baier** - February 09 at 08:17 AM

BI

*Thank you so much, Kim and John. We appreciate your words of comfort.*

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**Bill** - February 09 at 12:27 PM

KW

“ My earliest recollection of your parents was when they joined the St. Paul choir. Since my mother was there every week playing the organ - as were they in the choir - I was appointed to sit with the five of you in church. I was not much older than you, but I recall the time we spent together on Sunday mornings. They must have prepared you well because I don't recall any silly behaviors on your part! We all grew up and my next time spent with your mother was visiting her in her home with the church's Called to Care program. I always looked forward to our visits because she was so kind, caring and graceful in her aging years. In my last visit with her I was struggling with the idea of moving closer to our daughter and leaving Wapakoneta. She was my best cheerleader and I was so appreciative!

She loved her life and her family. She was a woman of great faith. I celebrate the times we spent together.

I know you must all have wonderful memories to share with each other. Blessings to you all. Kay ((Stroh) Wellington

Kay Wellington - February 08 at 05:25 PM



Thank you for your kind words. She was a woman of great faith...

John Wheeler - February 08 at 08:00 PM

DA

Thank you, Kay. She always let us know when you came to visit her, as she enjoyed your conversations so much. ❤️❤️

Dave - February 08 at 10:24 PM

WS

My sincere condolences to you and your family on the passing of your mother.

William Sammetinger - February 09 at 09:02 AM



*condolences Dave. Charlie & Ann Shoup*

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**Charlie Shoup** - February 09 at 09:43 AM



*Dave, My deepest condolences on the loss of your Mother.*

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**Karen Dickson** - February 10 at 10:48 AM



*Sorry for your loss, thinking of all of you!*

*Jim & Ellen Brautigam*

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**Jim Brautigam** - February 10 at 04:54 PM