



Betty Joalyce Burkard

January 16, 1938 - November 13, 2025

Betty Joalyce Burkard, 87, of Wapakoneta, Ohio, passed away surrounded by family on Thursday, November 13, 2025.

Betty was born on January 16, 1938, in New Bremen, Ohio, to Omer and Dora Tangeman. She graduated from New Bremen High School in 1956 and attended

Miami University for a short time afterward. On July 14, 1957, she married the love of her life, Harry Karl Burkard, Jr. with whom she shared a devoted and joyful

partnership spanning over six decades.

Betty dedicated her life to her family and her expansive network of friends. Always warm and personable, she never knew a stranger. Betty was an active member of Salem United Methodist Church, providing a lively spirit to the congregation.

A talented baker, Betty found great joy in making food with family and friends. Her baked goods were always present for holidays and birthdays, and several won

prizes at the county fair. Betty was also an avid sewer and created many Halloween costumes, Christmas presents, and annual ornaments over the years,

all of them made with great care and love. She enjoyed yearly trips to Florida during the winter months and summers at the family cottage in Reading, Michigan, where she forged lifelong friendships and created countless

memories.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Harry, and her parents, as well as

her sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Robert Dicke; sister-in-law, Marjorie Burkard Kachelries; and son-in-law, Eric Knoch. She is survived by her children:

Bradley Jay Burkard (Jill) of Wapakoneta, Brenda Jane Halker of Wapakoneta,

Harry Bruce Burkard (Sherri) in Michigan, Mary Vorhees (Michael) of Wapakoneta, Beth Alyce Knoch of Loveland, Brian John Burkard (Stacie) of New

Bremen, and Barbara Ann Burkard of Wapakoneta; as well as thirteen grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren who brought her immense pride and joy.

Visitation will be held at Salem United Methodist Church in Wapakoneta from 10:00 to 12:00 on Wednesday, November 19, with a funeral service and lunch to

follow. In lieu of flowers, donations to Salem United Methodist Church are appreciated.

Betty's legacy of love, generosity, and kindness will live on. May her memory be a

blessing to her family and all who loved her.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, Wapakoneta.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **19**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Salem United Methodist Church
505 Bellefontaine Street
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Service

NOV **19**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KB

“ *Burkard Family - We are so very sorry to just learn of this loss. Betty was a wonderful woman. We enjoyed her warm and welcoming smile, her stories, and her zest for life. Thinking of your all during this difficult time and wishing peace on each of your hearts as you navigate the weeks and months ahead. Sharing our love, Keith & Ben*

Keith May & Ben Bergman - November 21, 2025 at 04:59 PM

CL

“ *Thinking of you all! Your Mom was so very sweet. Chris Lambert*



Chris Lambert - November 19, 2025 at 07:05 AM

CT

“ *Connie Turner lit a candle in memory of Betty Joalyce Burkard*



connie turner - November 18, 2025 at 07:06 PM

CT

with deep heartfelt sympathy Brenda

connie turner - November 18, 2025 at 07:08 PM

KL

“ So sorry to hear of Betty's passing. Thinking all of the Burkard family. Kathy and Randy Latimer

Kathleen A Latimer - November 17, 2025 at 07:08 PM

PH

“ So very sorry for your loss. Our deepest condolences. ~Jeff and Peg Hance

Peggy Hance - November 17, 2025 at 10:00 AM

SR

“ Very Sorry Brenda for your loss. I pray your memories will give you peace during this difficult time. With much affection..Suzy Risser

Suzy risser - November 16, 2025 at 10:22 AM

BB

“ Rest in Peace Mom- til we meet again, Bruce and Sherri Burkard



Bruce and Sherri Burkard - November 15, 2025 at 09:20 PM

DB

“ Dan L. Baker purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Betty Joalyce Burkard.



Dan L. Baker - November 15, 2025 at 06:19 PM

DB

“ Dan L. Baker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Joalyce Burkard.

Dan L. Baker - November 15, 2025 at 06:19 PM

LK

“ Love Alice Kachelries purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Betty Joalyce Burkard.



Love Alice Kachelries - November 15, 2025 at 01:14 PM

LK

“ Love Alice Kachelries planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Joalyce Burkard.

Love Alice Kachelries - November 15, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Betty Joalyce Burkard.



November 14, 2025 at 09:23 PM

DJ

“ *Deb Chambers, Randy & Mike Johnston planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Joalyce Burkard.*

Deb Chambers, Randy & Mike Johnston - November 14, 2025 at 09:23 PM