



## Betty M. Elshire

May 1, 1923 - April 3, 2009

Betty M. Elshire, 85, of Wapakoneta, died 4:19 a.m., Fri. April 3, 2009, at Otterbein- Cridersville. She was born May 1, 1923, in LaPorte, IN, the daughter of Arthur & Hazel (Neely) Tonn, who preceded her in death. On Jan. 9, 1942 she married Howard M. "Mac" Elshire, and he died Dec. 12, 2000. Survivors include, 3 sons, John (Priscilla) Elshire, Wapakoneta, James (Diane) Elshire, Wapakoneta, Joel (Jean) Elshire, St. Marys, OH, a daughter, Heather (Tom) Curtis, Raleigh, NC, 7 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, a brother, Donald (Helga) Tonn, South Bend, IN, a sister, Mary Moore, Lebanon, MO. She was preceded in death by 2 sisters, Loretta Englebrecht and June Tonn, and a step-brother, John Harmon. A homemaker, Mrs. Elshire, also worked at the Rhine and Brading Drug Store, Wapakoneta. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Wapakoneta. She was also a member of the Hawthorne Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star #119, St. Marys, OH, and a past member of the Wapakoneta Country Club. She enjoyed playing cards and spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Tues. April 7, 2009, at the First United Methodist Church, Glynwood Rd., Wapakoneta, Pastor R.J. Davis officiating. The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m., Mon. at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, where an Eastern Star memorial service will be 7:30 p.m. Memorials may be directed to the Otterbein Cridersville or the First United Methodist Church. Condolences may be expressed at [www.bayliffandeleyfh.com](http://www.bayliffandeleyfh.com).



# Tribute Wall

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“ *I'm so sorry I missed paying my respect to Betty. My heartfelt condolences go out to your family.....*

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**Rene Marker** - July 10, 2015 at 04:01 PM

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“ *I have fond memories of the Rhine & Brading working with Betty. She always had a kind word of encouragement for the younger workers as did JoAnn, Alice, Steve, Joe, Charlie, and Nancy.*

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**Jill Naylor Lowry** - July 10, 2015 at 04:01 PM

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“ *I just heard about Betty's passing. Please accept my deepest condolences.*

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**April Albers** - July 10, 2015 at 04:01 PM