



Dixie A. Bennett

September 30, 1935 - September 17, 2019

Dixie A. Bennett died September 17, 2019 at 10:20 AM at Auglaize Acres in Wapakoneta, Ohio. She was 83.

She was born on September 30, 1935, in Spencerville, Ohio, to Theodore "Ted" Harter and Evelyn M. (Harter) Harter. Her father is deceased. Her mother survives and resides in Spencerville.

She married James B. Bennett on September 13, 1958. He died on January 17, 1990.

Mrs. Bennett was a 1953 graduate of Spencerville High School, a 1956 graduate of Lima Memorial Hospital School of Nursing and was employed at Lima Memorial Hospital as a registered nurse for 44 years. She retired in October of 2000. For 33 years, she worked in the Intensive Care Unit. In 1963, when LMH opened its first ICU unit, she was an original ICU staff member and was the last original member to retire.

She was a member of the LMH School of Nursing Alumnae, a former volunteer worker for the American Heart Association, a substitute poll worker for the Auglaize County Board of Elections, she did volunteer surveys for the Ohio Historical Preservation Office, and was a member of and served as President of the former Waynesfield Women's Republican Club. In 1998, she served as Historical Committee Chairwoman for the Waynesfield Sesquicentennial. She was a member of the Waynesfield Historical Society, a life member of the Auglaize County Historical Society and a former member of the Auglaize County Genealogical Society and Spencerville Historical Society.

She was a member of the Waynesfield United Methodist Church where she served as a past Trustee and Administrative Board secretary for 17 years. She was the organizer and leader for the church's sesquicentennial event held on October 10, 2010, and was a former member of the Friends of White Memorial Library Committee in Waynesfield.

Her interests included family vacations, history, genealogy, reading and photography of unusual tombstones noting, "Some of the most beautiful and unusual architecture is found in cemeteries." She organized and led the family in the grave flag standard for placement for her maternal great-great grandfather, Peter Harter, who was a War of 1812 veteran. Her paternal ancestors, Jacob and Rebecca Copus Harter, settled in the 1820s in Allen County, Ohio.

She is survived by a daughter, Amy Bennett-Brinkman, son-in-law Jerald "Jerry" Brinkman, grandchildren Jenna and Benjamin "Ben" Brinkman of Wapakoneta, a brother Richard "Dick" Harter of Spencerville, a sister -in -law Sylvia Harter, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding her in death are a brother, Charles "Charlie" Harter, sisters -in law- Ruth Harter and Lois Bennett.

Graveside services will be 11:00 a.m., Mon. Sept. 23, 2019, at Fairmount Cemetery, near Uniopolis, with Rev. Greg Wack and Rev. Dottie Kaiser officiating. The family will receive friends 2-6 p.m., Sun. Sept. 22, at the Waynesfield Chapel of the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, 200 E.

Wapakoneta St., Waynesfield. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Waynesfield United Methodist Church or Putnam County Hospice.

Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairmount Cemetery

Fairmount Road
Uniopolis, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
200 E Wapakoneta St
Waynesfield, OH 45896
(419) 780-5050

Service

SEP **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Fairmount Cemetery
Fairmount Road
Uniopolis, OH

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Bennett family my condolences on your lost. I had the privilege of working with Dixie in ICU. She was “The Senior Nurse” in charge. If Dixie said it...you better get it done. She governed with a strong hand, and if I was going to make it I needed her support. Nursing has its traditions and standards. Dixie believed in maintaining standard. I’m happy to say that she and I believe the same way. On a day that was traumatic for me, it was Dixie that found a way to lessen that trauma by making me smile and laugh at the situation.....She fondly named me “Hurricane Elaine”...even though it wasn’t my fault and complimented me by saying I looked beautiful wet. (By the way...she stayed dry...lol). That sprinkler system glitch that flooded the unit that day and our response earned us Shirts. Dixie, I believe had already earned that shirt...well she got another one.

Prayers and thoughts are with you.

Elaine Potts

Elaine Potts - September 22, 2019 at 02:00 PM



“ I’ve known Dixie for 20+ years and enjoyed many family dinners with her! My husband Greg loved to talk with her about politics and other matters. She was a brilliant woman and will truly be missed by everyone!!



Love Christine Conner

Christine Brinkman-Conner - September 22, 2019 at 01:11 PM

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“ Dear Amy and family. I had the privledge of working with Dixie for over 13 years in ICU. In fact Dixie, took me by the hand as a new grad in 1969 and taught me a great majority of what I needed to know. She was a brilliant and fantastic nurse and person and a joy and blessing to her patients and co-workers. With sincere sympathy for your loss, Sharon (Steiner) Rohdes

sharon rohdes - September 19, 2019 at 01:19 PM

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“ All the staff of Putnam County Hospice sends our deepest sympathy for your loss. Please know that we will keep Dixie and all of her family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.

Putnam County Hospice - September 19, 2019 at 08:45 AM