



## Elizabeth L. "Betty" Elsea

May 20, 1931 - June 30, 2015

Elizabeth L. "Betty" Elsea, of Buckland, died 2:10 a.m., Tues. June 30, 2015, at the St. Marys Living Center. She was born May 20, 1931, in Delphos, OH, the daughter of Lewis & Ruth (Stapleton) Etgen. On July 23, 1951, she married Ralph E. Elsea, Sr., and he died March 9, 2002. Survivors include, 4 children, Ralph E. (Janice) Elsea, Jr., Christiansburg, OH, Gregory (Christina) Elsea, Wapakoneta, Marlene (Chris) Thomason, & Dennis Elsea, both of Lima; 11 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, & 2 great great grandchildren; siblings, Rita French, Spencerville, Lewis (Barb) Etgen, Elida, Oscar (Martha) Etgen, Lima, Ralph (Joyce) Etgen, Elida, Mary (Chuck) Flanagan, Delphos; a sister-in-law, Glenna Etgen. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Teresa Purvis, and a brother, Leo "Jim" Etgen. A homemaker, Betty was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta. She was a 1949 graduate of Elida High School, and her memberships included the Delphos Senior Citizens and the Delphos Eagles, Aerie #471 Ladies Auxiliary. Her hobbies included reading, crossword puzzles, playing bingo, traveling, and gardening. A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Fri. July 3, 2015, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, with Rev. Daniel Hunt officiating. Burial is to follow in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Wapakoneta. The family will receive friends 4-8 p.m., Thurs., and 9:30 -10 a.m., Fri. at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta. Memorial contributions may be directed to Grand Lake Hospice.



# Tribute Wall

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“ To Betty's Family I was so sorry to hear of Betty's passing this morning at St. Joe's 7:30 mass. That was the first I had heard. I'm sorry to miss the visitation & funeral. I would have come to offer my sympathy in person, if I had known in time. If you do not know me, I am the daughter of Dick and Beatrice Stepleton of Ottoville. My dad was Betty's Uncle and her mother's brother. So, Betty is my first cousin. We have not seen very many family members since my dad passed away suddenly in 1978. But, I have very nice memories of family gatherings with my Uncle Red, Aunt Daisy, Aunt Ruth & Uncle Lew. I also remember Betty and Ralph very fondly. They always had a smile for me. I married Craig Henkener in 1972. He is originally from Wapak and we moved back here in 1974. We currently live just south of US33 on Weimert School Rd. You might know our children...Kristina Soliday of Sidney, Angie Elshoff of St. Marys, & Mike of Elida. They graduated from Wapak High in 1991, 92, & 94. I just wanted to let you know that my family will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. I will let my brother and sisters know about Betty. They are Richard Stepleton of Delphos, Carol Wittler of Ottoville, & Patricia Fackler of Bryan. We had one brother, Robert, who passed away in LA, California in 2010. God Bless, Deb Henkener

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**Debbie (Stepleton) Henkener** - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. I wish that I could be there by your side. For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. Rest in peace Aunt Betty. All my love - Marilyn

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**Marilyn Barth** - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM