



Evelyn Maxine Schneider

April 10, 1934 - May 3, 2026

Evelyn M. Schneider, 92, of Botkins, passed away peacefully at 3:16 a.m. on Sunday, May 3, 2026, at Vancrest of St. Marys. Born on April 10, 1934, in St. Marys, she was the daughter of Sylvanus and Pearl (Fox) Kruse. Evelyn grew up with a strong sense of faith, family, and community—values that shaped her entire life. Evelyn was a proud 1952 graduate of St. Marys Memorial High School.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John A. Schneider; her parents; her sister Betty (Paul, deceased) Bradford, and her brother Norman (Wavalene, deceased) Kruse.

Evelyn is survived by her children: Wayne (Connie) Schneider of Botkins; Terry (Terri) Schneider of Bellefontaine; Cheryl Bellamy of Wapakoneta; Timothy (Marlaine) Schneider of Botkins; and Rick (Michelle) Schneider of Botkins. She leaves behind nine grandchildren—Ryan (Kara), Shawn (Andrea), Jim (Amanda), Gina, Courtney, Olivia, Lindsey (Kyle) Barta, Carrie (Jeff) Siegrist, and Tyler (Emily)—and thirteen great grandchildren who brought her endless pride and joy.

In 1953, she married John, the love of her life. Together they built a home filled with warmth, hard work, and devotion. Their marriage, which lasted until John's passing in 2000, was a partnership rooted in deep affection and shared purpose.

Evelyn dedicated her life to caring for her family, raising five children who remained the center of her world. She later worked as an Avon

Representative and spent many years employed at Bank One in Botkins before retiring from First National Bank of New Bremen. Known for her friendly smile and steady presence, she formed lasting connections with coworkers and customers alike. In her final months at Vancrest, Evelyn formed new friendships with caregivers that brought her comfort and companionship when she needed it most.

A faithful member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Botkins, Evelyn worked in the parish office for many years, assisting with the parish offering. Her quiet service reflected her humble spirit and her deep commitment to her parish community.

Nothing brought Evelyn more joy than time spent with her family. She cherished every moment with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren—whether gathered around a table, celebrating milestones, or simply enjoying one another's company. Her family will forever remember her gentle strength, her kindness, and the way she made each of them feel deeply loved.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 2026, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Botkins, with Fr. Sean Wilson officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Friends and family may call from 4–8 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, and from 9–9:45 a.m. on Friday at Eley Funeral Home & Crematory in Wapakoneta.

Memorial contributions may be made to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church or Grand Lake Hospice. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Cemetery Details

Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery

County Road 25A
Botkins, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
1102 Lincoln Hwy
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
(419) 738-7676
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com/>

Visitation

MAY 8. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (ET)

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Service

MAY 8. 10:30 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
103 Walnut Street
Botkins, OH

Tribute Wall

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“ *First Lutheran Church purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Evelyn Maxine Schneider.*



First Lutheran Church - May 06 at 11:46 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evelyn Maxine Schneider.*



May 05 at 08:47 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Evelyn Maxine Schneider.*



May 05 at 08:20 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Evelyn Maxine Schneider.*

May 05 at 08:20 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evelyn Maxine Schneider.*



May 05 at 11:16 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Evelyn Maxine Schneider.

May 05 at 11:16 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evelyn Maxine Schneider.*



May 05 at 09:41 AM



“ *Doug & Michelle Saunders purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Evelyn Maxine Schneider.*



Doug & Michelle Saunders - May 05 at 05:23 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Evelyn Maxine Schneider.*



May 04 at 08:18 PM



“ *Evelyn was such a wonderful lady it was a great honor to be one of her caregivers ❤️ She was such a sweet lady and made it so very easy to love her spending a lot of time by her side daily she made it so easy to get close to her I loved hearing about her wonderful family it was such a blessing to be around her ❤️ I will sure miss her so very much . She was always so very thankful for everything we did for her 😊 Lots of thoughts and prayers to her family and Thank u for giving us the opportunity to take care of her she will be greatly missed ❤️ . April Knotts*

April L Knotts - May 04 at 04:44 PM



Evelyn always put a smile on my face. We always enjoyed and looked forward to our one on one time in the mornings. She is a kind loving person that shines so bright you could not help but want to be around her. It was a great privilege to help care for her. I loved hearing about stories of her family growing up and the jokes she told. I will miss her laugh and smile and bringing her morning cup of coffee. she will be greatly missed. I just wish I could of know her longer.

Sherri Duke - May 04 at 06:09 PM