



Janice M. Hershberger

March 19, 1935 - February 8, 2021

Janice Mae (Deeter) Hershberger passed away peacefully on Monday, February 8, 2021, with Jane and Brad at her side at Otterbein St. Marys Senior Life Community. Janice was born on March 19, 1935, at home on the farm near Palestine, Ohio, as the eldest child of Virgil and Ruth (Light) Deeter, who preceded her in death. Her husband, the Rev. Howard Hershberger also preceded her in death in 2017. She is survived by her beloved daughter Jane (Brad) Briggs, brother James (Sharon) Deeter, her brothers-in-law Paul (Patty) Hershberger and Mark (Rita) Hershberger, and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

She received her Bachelor of Science in Home Economics Education from Manchester College, North Manchester, Indiana, in 1957. She then married Howard Hershberger and together for over forty years they faithfully served the following United Church of Christ congregations: Genntown UCC, Polk Grove UCC, Troy First UCC, First Congregational Christian Church in Greenville, Pleasant Hill UCC, Trinity Home in Beavercreek, St. Paul's UCC Rockford, St. John's UCC Holgate, and Spencerville UCC.

Throughout her life, Janice enjoyed playing the piano--accompanying choirs and soloists in high school and college as well as in various churches and communities in which they served and lived. She enjoyed singing in choirs and working with various mission-oriented activities. She loved to sew and do needlework and was still sewing the week before she died. And, in order to

keep her mind sharp, she worked at least one puzzle every day of her life, especially crossword puzzles.

The family would especially like to thank those who have taken care of Janice with their medical expertise and compassionate care including all of the partners (staff) and residents at Otterbein Senior Life Community where she lived for almost 12 years including Jocelyn and Cheryl who saw her daily; Rev. Becky Sunday and Kay Wellington from Wapakoneta UCC; Miami & Erie Family Practice, Dr. James Luedeke and staff; and Grand Lake Hospice, Nurse Jane and Rev. Bob.

A Celebration of Life for Janice Mae (Deeter) Hershberger will take place Saturday, February 13, 2021, at 1 p.m. at St. Paul United Church of Christ located at 101 Perry Street, Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895. Live streaming will be provided for those not able or not comfortable attending in person. The link for the live stream can be found on the church's website: www.stpaulucc.com. The Rev. Becky Sunday, Senior Pastor, presiding. Family will receive friends and family from noon to the time of the service. Social distancing protocols including mask wearing will be observed. The committal ceremony will be a private ceremony held at the Wheelock Cemetery, St. Rt. 571, Nashville, Ohio on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 9 a.m. There will be no funeral meal at the church.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Grand Lake Hospice, 1122 E. Spring Street, St. Marys, Ohio 45885 or St. Paul United Church of Christ, 101 Perry Street, Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895, noting on the memo line: Food Ministry.

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

Cemetery Details

Wheelock Cemtery

St Rt 571
Nashville, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul United Church of Christ
108 West Mechanic Street
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Service

FEB 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The New Albany and Gahanna Reese's...Jimmy & Danny purchased the Rose Tribute for the family of Janice M. Hershberger.*



The New Albany and Gahanna Reese's...Jimmy & Danny -
February 11, 2021 at 09:58 AM

BB

“ *So many memories with Howard and Janice can't let st them all. My deepest sympathy Jane and Brad. Also extended sympathy from St. Paul's United Church is f Christ Rockford.*
Barb Baker.

Barbara Baker - February 09, 2021 at 09:59 PM

KM

“ *Janice and all the Deeter family always welcomed my dad Georg and all the Jascheks into their family, and it has been much appreciated! The Deeter hospitality is world-class! The road trip to DC was much fun! Blessings upon Janice and family as she goes to see the ones who have gone before.*

Kristi Jaschek Masters - February 09, 2021 at 09:11 PM

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“ *Aunt Janice taught me to knit! The whole Deeter clan made a road trip to DC. Aunt Janice and I sat in the back of the van and knitted the hours away as we talked all the way to DC. A fun memory.*

Pegi Deeter - February 09, 2021 at 07:54 PM