



JoAnn Howard

August 22, 1934 - August 4, 2020

JoAnn Howard, 85, of Wapakoneta, passed away 4:07 a.m., Tues. Aug. 4, 2020, at Logan Acres, Bellefontaine, OH.

JoAnn Howard was born Aug. 22, 1934 at the University Hospital in Columbus, OH. She was the only child of Goldie Marie Klopfenstein and Lawrence Robert Stanley, who preceded her in death. At 13, she moved to Wapakoneta with her family where she remained.

She attended and graduated from Blume High School in 1951. She also completed various courses at Ohio State. JoAnn was employed at Wapakoneta City Schools as secretary to F.O. Ellsworth and later as assistant treasurer to A.E. Katterhenry. She retired as Wapakoneta City Schools Treasurer after over 30 years of service to the district.

JoAnn was preceded in death by Paul Joseph Howard whom she married in August 1953. Paul is the son of Joseph and Daisy Howard. She is survived by her son, Steve Alan Howard and daughter-in-law, Jill Gross Howard. Also surviving are grandchildren, Heather Thorpe and Joshua Howard; along with great grandchildren, Matthew Redmond, Emily Thorpe, Reed Thorpe, Elizabeth Howard, Kaitlyn Howard, and Joseph Howard. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive. She was preceded in death by Paul's siblings; Paul's twin, Pauline Deerhake, Delphos Howard, Warren Howard, Walter Howard, Russel Howard, Lucille Hardin, and Florence Madigan.

JoAnn was a founding member of BPW of Ohio, where she served as the State Membership Chairman and other offices at the state level. BPW

disbanded and formed the Women's Civic League of Wapakoneta, where she was member of the steering committee to start Karing for Kids. She was a member of Ohio School Business Officials serving as president. For 14 years, JoAnn served as the chairman for the American Red Cross Bloodmobile. For 9 years, she volunteered at the leader board at the Jack Nicklaus Memorial Golf Tournament. She was also an active member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Wapakoneta Irving Club, Dollars for Scholars, and friends of the Lima Symphony. Her hobbies included reading, golf, playing bridge, crafting, and antiquing.

Private family graveside services will be held at Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta, with Pastor Doug Pretorius officiating. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, Wapakoneta, where condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to St. Mark's Lutheran Church or the Women's Civic League of Wapakoneta (Karing for Children).

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Cemetery

Presar Road
Wapakoneta, OH

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Eley Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of JoAnn Howard*



Eley Funeral Home & Crematory - August 06, 2020 at 05:12 PM

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To be able to share this moment with my Aunt JoAnn was very meaningful. We were both teenagers when we first met and we shared the love of music, trading records and enjoying the artists and songs on our 45 rpm record player. My love for her as an Aunt continued to grow through the years of our lives. She was very special and I will miss her dearly.

Daryl

Daryl Dorsten - August 07, 2020 at 10:43 AM

JM

“ My sincere sympathy to the family of Joann Howard. I've known her for many years through various organizations in Wapakoneta and have admired her. Her kindness and concern for children was expressed in her obituary in her dedication to Karing for Kids through the Wapak Women's Civic League. I want to share another, less well-known story. More than five years ago in a conversation while returning from a concert in Lima and discussing Karing for Kids, Joann mentioned the need of elementary school children for weekend lunches which were not being provided by the Wapakoneta Elementary School although the program had been in place. I remembered that and mentioned it at our next meeting of the mission committee at my church, St. Paul United Church of Christ in Wapakoneta. Our mission committee has a commitment to feed God's children so I was urged to follow up with the school. After considerable discussion and in collaboration with the school's cafeteria manager, St. Paul UCC embarked on our Summer Lunch program which has served school age children but also toddlers to elderly adults over the past five years. This summer alone, through the end of July we served more than 10,000 lunches and will continue into the Fall with Tuesday evening meals. All this as a result of a casual conversation with Joann. I have told her several times over the intervening years how grateful we have been for that one single spark that set us on this path. Jane Myers

Jane F. Myers - August 08, 2020 at 05:29 PM

JG

“ I enjoyed my interactions and conversations with JoAnn at church and later at home during COVID. I started working at Wapak Schools the year after she retired, but knew of her work, because people spoke so highly of her. Peace be with the family.
Julie Miars Golden

Julie Miars Golden - August 06, 2020 at 12:23 PM

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“ *My condolences to the family. JoAnn was my campaign Treasurer when I first ran for the office of Auglaize County Treasurer back in 2003. We served together on various boards and she was a true friend. She will be missed.*

April Bowersock

April Bowersock - August 05, 2020 at 11:15 AM

KF

“ *Our most sincere condolences, JoAnn was a lovely lady and a wonderful neighbor.*

David and Kim Frederick

Kim Frederick - August 05, 2020 at 08:06 AM