



## Joyce E. Anthony

October 28, 1930 - January 5, 2025

Joyce E. Anthony, 94, of Wapakoneta, passed away at home peacefully in her sleep at 3:28 a.m., Sunday, January 5, 2025. She was born October 28, 1930, the daughter of the late Lawrence and Margaret (Abley) Behrns. On Oct. 12, 1950, she married Charles Richard "Charlie" Anthony, and he preceded her in death on September 3, 2009.

Survivors include,

8 children, Stephen (Margaret) Anthony, Ohio City, OH,

Bruce (Rita-deceased) Anthony, Wapakoneta,

Marsia (James) Campagna, McKeesport, PA,

Andrea (William, III) O'Meara, Eaton, OH,

Colette (Kelly) Knutzen, Wapakoneta,

Fr. Angelo Anthony, Dayton, OH,

Nicholas (Kimberly) Anthony, Fayetteville, AR,

Bart (Kim) Anthony, Wapakoneta;

28 grandchildren; 81 great grandchildren; cousin, William Edward Peebles, Lima.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Mary Ann Haese.

A homemaker, Joyce, was a graduate of Botkins High School. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, active in the Resurrection Choir and as a Eucharistic Minister to the sick and homebound.

Also, she was a member of the Companions of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. Joyce enjoyed cooking, baking (especially chocolate chip

cookies), shopping, and gardening. She was a babysitter for her grandchildren and great grandchildren and cared for family members in her home. Joyce was a powerhouse of prayer for many people.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, January 11, 2025, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, with her son, Fr. Angelo Anthony officiating. Burial is to follow in the St. Joseph Cemetery, Wapakoneta. The family will receive family and friends 4-7 p.m., Friday, January 10, 2025, and from 9-10 a.m., Saturday at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. Condolences may be expressed at [www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery

Wapakoneta, OH 45895

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory  
1102 Lincoln Ave.  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895  
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com  
<http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com>

## Visitation

JAN 11. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory  
1102 Lincoln Ave.  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895  
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com  
<http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com>

## Service

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JAN 11. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Pearl Street  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ I taught the PACE class at the YMCA after Vickie Schaub retired and had Joyce in my class. She was always so pleasant and had a smile on her face. I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.



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**Sandy Swaney** - January 12, 2025 at 11:29 AM

CF

“ My husband, Larry, and I were privileged to be among the few family friends invited to Steve and Margaret's 50th anniversary party. Steve and Margie are not just our next-door neighbors. They are our wonderful daughter-in-love, Erika's parents.

*The room was full of family members, and everyone was having a good time. It was lovely to see people sitting and talking to Joyce. No one was going to leave Joyce out of any of it. You could feel how much Joyce was loved.*

*Larry and I always liked Joyce and Charles. They often came to birthday parties and other special occasions. So, when there was a chance to sit at Joyce's table, I took the opportunity to sit with her. After a bit of small talk, we just sat there and watched. Lots of talk and laughter. Cousins playing together, older children including the little ones in their fun.*

*That's the way it should be, of course. However, it isn't often Larry and I have experienced this kind of family feeling. Maybe it is one of the joys of a large family.*

*After a little while, I said to Joyce, "All these good people in this room are your children." Joyce took a long look around the room, smiled, and said with pride, "Yes, they are."*

*I loved it! Loved it! That is the way I want to remember her. She was the mother of a good and great family.*

*Larry and I will donate to the Missionaries of the Precious Blood and will ask for Masses at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Van Wert.*

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**Cheryl and Larry Freewalt** - January 10, 2025 at 01:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joyce E. Anthony.

January 10, 2025 at 11:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Joyce E. Anthony.



January 10, 2025 at 11:44 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joyce E. Anthony.

January 09, 2025 at 05:30 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Joyce E. Anthony.



January 09, 2025 at 05:30 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness* was purchased for the family of Joyce E. Anthony.



January 09, 2025 at 05:08 PM

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“ Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joyce E. Anthony.



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**Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita** - January 09, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joyce E. Anthony.



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January 09, 2025 at 09:37 AM

HC

“ Holy Trinity Catholic Church purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joyce E. Anthony.



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**Holy Trinity Catholic Church** - January 08, 2025 at 03:43 PM

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“ Chris and Robin Hess and family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Joyce E. Anthony.



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**Chris and Robin Hess and family** - January 08, 2025 at 01:15 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joyce E. Anthony.*



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January 08, 2025 at 11:53 AM



“ *so very sorry for your loss. She was a very lovely lady. May God grant you all comfort.*  
*Kathy Wilges Knoch*

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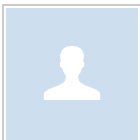
**Kathy Knoch** - January 08, 2025 at 04:41 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joyce E. Anthony.*

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January 07, 2025 at 07:52 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce E. Anthony.*



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January 07, 2025 at 07:52 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joyce E. Anthony.*

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January 07, 2025 at 07:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joyce E. Anthony.*



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