



## Katherine M. "Kathy" Martens

April 29, 1938 - November 21, 2023

Katherine M. "Kathy" Martens, 85, of Wapakoneta, died 5:29 p.m., Tues. Nov. 21, 2023, at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima. She was born April 29, 1938, in Woodbine, Iowa, the daughter of Guy and Mae (Austin) Emge, who preceded her in death. She was married on April 11, 1960 to her loving husband John Ernest Martens for 34 years until his death on November 9, 1994.

Survivors include,

children, Pat (Karen) Martens, Perrysburg, OH,  
Jeanette Martens (Bernard Michael) Perry, Alamogordo, NM,  
John C. (Robin) Martens, Sarasota, FL,  
Joshua Lee (Michelle) Geib, Van Wert, OH,  
Jason Geib, Toldeo, OH;  
grandchildren, James Patrick Joseph –dec (Jennifer) Martens,  
Shawn (Missy) Martens, Erin (Holly) Martens,  
Brian (Leydibell) Martens, Trevor Martens,  
Kandace Perry, Michael Perry, James Hagaman,  
Allison Geib, Sebastian Geib, Rebecca (Nick) Perry,  
John Wayne (Ashley) Martens, Jocee Tenwalde;  
siblings, Donna Vance, Fremont, NE,  
Patrick (Janie) Emge, Shenandoah, IA,  
Dianne Cook, Muskogee, OK;  
sister-in-law, Connie Emge.

And 10 great-grandchildren

In addition to her parents and husband John, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Kandy (Martens) Geib, a grandson, James Patrick Joseph Martens, MD, 2 brothers, John Emge, Dennis Emge, and a sister, Jane Lawson.

Kathy retired from the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., St. Marys, OH, after 30 years of service. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, where she was a regular participant at the Adoration Chapel. Kathy loved spending time with her family. She also enjoyed bird watching, collecting bird figurines, reading, gardening, cooking, and

antiquing with her friends.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Fri. Dec. 1, 2023, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, with Fr. Sean Wilson officiating. Burial of her cremated remains will be in the Resthaven Memory Gardens, near Moulton, OH. The family will receive friends 9-10 a.m., Fri. Dec. 1, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta. A Celebration of Life Luncheon will be held in the St. Joseph Parish Life Center. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions, may be directed to St. Joseph Catholic Church or St. Rita's Hospice. Condolences may be expressed at [www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Resthaven Memory Gardens

C.R. 33A  
St. Marys, OH 45885

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 1. 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

DEC 1. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Pearl Street  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

# Tribute Wall

JK

“ Sending warm condolences to the Marten Family. It doesn't seem that long ago that you moved to Ohio with the Foxhovens. We sure had some fun times 🥰. Kathy always added so much to life. Sending you warm thoughts and wishing you Peace and Light💕🌟

Jane Krite - December 01, 2023 at 10:43 PM

JM

“ Grandma Kathy was a loving, caring and spunky woman who always welcomed me and my family into her home, anytime. My kids grew up with five grandmas, and nicknamed Kathy "Candy Grandma", because she always kept a big bowl stocked with candy for visitors. There were many times we'd stop by on the way to/from Toledo/Perrysburg, sometimes very late, sometimes spending the night at her place, and she never treated it as an imposition. Her laughs, smile, hugs, kisses, hand-squeezes, cards, goodie bags, homemade fudge and meals were just some of the ways she showed me and her great-grandchildren her love. I appreciate that she offered prayers for the well-being of so many, and I know God honored her prayers for my family. She was the kind of grandma everyone wants. I'm grateful to have gotten to know her over the past 25 years, and that my kids were blessed to call her grandma. I'm especially grateful for her faith in Christ so I can look forward to seeing her again, spunky and full of perfect health and life.

Jenn Martens - November 30, 2023 at 02:51 PM

LE

“ Jeanette, your bank family continues to send prayers and warm wishes your way.  
Leo

Leo - November 28, 2023 at 04:52 PM

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Your bank family.

Leo - November 28, 2023 at 04:57 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katherine M. "Kathy" Martens.



November 28, 2023 at 11:05 AM

DF

“ Dave, Judy & Our Little Gehrlich Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Katherine M. "Kathy" Martens.



Dave, Judy & Our Little Gehrlich Family - November 28, 2023 at 10:47 AM

MS

“ I'll forever cherish our trip to California for Karen's 50th Birthday. I shared a room for the week with Mom and Kathy. She kept us laughing the entire trip! Hugs and Love to all the family! I also spent many times over at the house with my friend, Jeanette in my childhood. Always welcomed with open arms. Prayers! 🙏😭

Marsha Semple - November 27, 2023 at 08:38 AM

LB

“ Lori Bumgarner lit a candle in memory of Katherine M. "Kathy" Martens



Lori Bumgarner - November 23, 2023 at 08:22 PM

LB

“ I'll never forget the time you flew to Oklahoma to spend some time with mom. Knowing how crazy and goofy us Okies are. We met you at the airport dressed up in our housecoats and our sleeping caps and our teeth blacked out with poster boards of a photo of you in your pj and your sleeping cap. The posters said welcome home Auntie Kathy!!! We asked every person on the plane if they had seen our Auntie Kathy in our hillbilly voices. Just about every person on the plane waited to see you. Clapping and laughter filled the airport when you finally came off the plane. Such great times we had and wonderful memories we made. We will miss you dearly. Loves and kisses to you always. One day we will be together again.

Lori Bumgarner - November 23, 2023 at 08:21 PM