



## Lura Mae "Tootie" Rickert

October 17, 1923 - November 18, 2020

Lura Mae (Tootie) Werner Rickert, 97 died at 3:30 PM, November 18, 2020 in Wapakoneta, Ohio.

She was born October 17, 1923 in Wapakoneta, the daughter of Carl F. and Cecile Miller Werner who preceded her in death. On August 27, 1944 she married Wayne Milton Rickert who preceded her in death on June 3, 1993. Survivors include four children, Wayne Werner (Cheryl) Columbus, Ohio; Michael James (Judith) Cleveland, Georgia; Barbara Ann Dafler (Dennis), Franklin, North Carolina; John Carl (Karen), Cincinnati, Ohio. Additionally, there are 10 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild. Lura Mae was preceded in death by her sister, Mary Joan Zimmerman.

Lura Mae was a lifelong member of First United Methodist Church where she was a 60 year member of the Chancel Choir, taught Sunday school, was a member and past president of the United Methodist Women and Mary Unit, served as Co-Chair of the funeral dinner committee and the Pairs and Spares Sunday School Class. She was a former member and past president of Junior Service League, Helen Hunt Circle and Koneta Chapter of the Eastern Stars.

Lura Mae was a class of 1941 graduate of Blume High School, a class of 1944 graduate of The Toledo Hospital School of Nursing and was a

Registered Nurse. She served as a nurse for the Red Cross Bloodmobile, taught First Aid and CPR classes and was the first Soroptimist Club Visiting Nurse in Auglaize County. She was employed in the offices of Clyde W. Berry, MD. and W.R. Searcy, DDS until her retirement.

The family wishes to thank The Gardens of Wapakoneta for the wonderful care provided to Lura Mae during the three plus years she was a resident.

Private graveside services will be held for the immediate family.

Memorial Contributions to honor her long life of service to her church may be sent to First United Methodist Church, 504 Glynwood Road, Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895. Arrangements have been made with Eley Funeral Home & Crematory in Wapakoneta. Condolences may be expressed at [www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

# Tribute Wall

DK

“ Sending my deepest sympathy to Tootie's wonderful family. As a young man growing up in Wapak Tootie was always so kind and loving to me. May she rest in eternal peace.

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**Denny King** - January 14, 2021 at 01:54 AM

LJ

“ As someone once said, how can any of you let her go? She is woven thru you, from birth to death. She stood at your milestones, weddings, babies, and funerals, she gave you courage when tragedy struck. And when you howled at God she stirred the embers of your faith and reminded you that the only whole heart is a broken heart. And look at all the broken hearts you have here. How do you say goodbye to her without saying goodbye to a piece of yourselves. She cannot speak to you now and tell you that she has landed safe and sound. Because if she could, you might not need faith and faith is what she was all about. She called everyone in the church for pies for the 2020 Election so each of us were able to speak to her one last time. What a gift to your family, our church family and the community. Where do you look for her? Where she has told you all along, "You look up!"

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**Larry and Marilyn James** - November 21, 2020 at 10:58 AM

SH

“ Barb, so sorry for your loss. She for always so nice to me when I picked up make-up.. Wishing you comfort and peace from God.

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**Sue Harrod** - November 20, 2020 at 11:27 PM

JT

“ This does not seem real. For sure one of the purest of heart and dedication to the job at hand. I once asked if I could take her advice as I would have from my own mom. She smiled at that. She is one of my most memorable members of Pairs and Spares. She was sharp and to the point on all of her responses. I will never forget her.  
Joyce Thuman

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**Joyce Thuman** - November 20, 2020 at 09:07 PM

BR

So sorry for your loss Barb. Your mom was a great friend to my mom and I remember her well. I am sure she and mom will be happy to meet again.

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**Bea Reineke** - November 21, 2020 at 06:33 PM