



Marie Barclay Allen

December 14, 1921 - November 18, 2017

Marie Barclay Allen, 95, of Wapakoneta, passed away peacefully in her sleep, Nov. 18, 2017, at Vancrest of St. Marys, where she received kind and compassionate care from the staff and Grand Lake Hospice. She was taken there from St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima, following surgery to repair a broken hip after falling. Marie was born Dec. 14, 1921, in Napoleon, OH, the daughter of Herman & Essie (Parker) Barclay. She was married to Woodrow D. Allen, who preceded her in death in 2008.

Survivors include her son, Woodrow Dale Allen, Jr., Wapakoneta, and her grandchildren, Margot Allen (Michael) Repas, Gretchen Allen (Peter) Bauman, and Molly Allen (Richard) Cissell.

Also surviving are great grandchildren, Emily Briley Bauman, and Lincoln Thomas Cissell, and her daughters-in-law, Marie Shovlin Allen and Mary Petrie Allen-Ramsey.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents, and her siblings and their spouses, Woodrow (Martha) Barclay, Edith Barclay (Don) Schoonover, Lucille Barclay (Carl) Montgomery, and George (Ginny) Barclay, and her nephews, Craig Montgomery & Darwin Schoonover.

There are surviving nieces and nephews who will remember her as their kind, warm, and friendly "Aunt Marie" with a beautician's penchant for small talk and easy laughter. She had daily appointments with her "friends", some for nearly 60 years. She was a great listener and confidant and all looked better when they left than when they arrived.

Marie was a 1940 graduate of Lima Central High School, and a 1941 graduate of Frederick's Beauty Academy. She took advanced hair styling classes from Leon Amondola in New York City and from Vidal Sassoon in San Francisco. During W.W. II, Marie trained at St. Rita's Hospital and became a nurse's aide. She also volunteered at the servicemen's canteen at the Pennsylvania train station in Lima. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Marie was the manager and owner of the Princess Beauty Shop and also worked at the "The Clip Joint" prior to her retirement after 61 years as a beautician.

At the age of 50, Marie got her pilot's license and was one of a few female pilots in Ohio to receive an instrument rating. As a new pilot, Marie joined the Civil Air Patrol, the Lima Flying Club, the Sky Rovers, and the "99's", the Lady's International Flying Club. Marie was also a member of the original Lima Sports Car Club, and while driving a Jaguar XK 120, earned a "Driver of the Year" award. When on the road or in the sky, Marie found joy and freedom and the warm friendships of others who shared interests. She was a voracious reader with diverse interests in histories, biographies, science, and novels of adventure, romance, and mysteries, from Dickens to Twain to Grisham to Evanovich. She always had a book in her car in case an unexpected time to read were to occur. Throughout her life, she always watched TV while knitting. In her retirement years, she knitted lap blankets for local nursing home patients and quickly started another one after one was delivered. Marie enjoyed playing bridge with her many ladies bridge clubs for over 60 years. Many were her lifelong friends and beauty shop customers as well.

There will be no public funeral services. Marie's burial will be a private intimate ceremony with her family. Arrangements are being conducted by the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, Wapakoneta, where condolences may be expressed at www.bayliffandeleyfh.com. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Grand Lake Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

3000 Harding Hwy.
Lima, OH 45804-3500

Tribute Wall

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“ Two of my childhood memories that I have of Marie surprises she had waiting for my sister (Mary) and I when we would visit for the holidays. She would knit evening gowns for our Barbie dolls. Some of the gowns were made of Angora, I often wondered how she could knit somethin so small! Being that Marie flew, she one time flew from Lima to Mansfield and picked us up, we felt like the luckiest kids around. It wasn't every day that someone had an aunt that could fly.

May she rest in peace and enjoy her reunion with the rest of her loved ones in heaven.

Jennifer Ishmael - December 01, 2017 at 07:15 PM

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“ My husband and I shared many happy times with Marie and Woody in the Lima Flying Club. She always looked like a million dollars and always had a good joke to share.
Most of the Flying Club have now left us. I trust they are having a merry reunion in heaven and even "buzzing" a few clouds!

My sincerest sympathy to Marie's family. She will be greatly missed.

Nancy Curry - Lima, OH

Nancy Curry - November 25, 2017 at 09:40 AM

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“ Mike and Marsha Klopp send our sympathy and Dale..want you to know we are thinking of you and your family. Mike said he'll always remember her red hair and her hair always perfect. Reserved..soft-spoken..and always looked perfect. A nice way to be remembered. Please know we are thinking of you and your family.

Mike and Marsha Klopp - November 23, 2017 at 03:29 PM

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“ As I was baking for Thanksgiving, I recalled what a fabulous chef and baker Marie was! I just had to add that memory from our family.
Nancy Geren Carter

Nancy Carter - November 22, 2017 at 12:17 PM

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“ Andy and I extend our sympathy on the loss of Marie. She and Woody were such dear friends of my parents, Bill and Dolores Geren. Marie was a top-notch pilot and remarkable woman. I miss her stimulating conversation and calm presence. Rest in peace, Marie.

Nancy Carter - November 22, 2017 at 09:03 AM