



Mary Louise Neumeier

June 2, 1922 - August 10, 2013

Mary Louise Neumeier, 91, died after an extended illness at her Silver Street home with her children encircling her at 11:00 am on August 10th, 2013. Mary's wish to remain in her home was made possible through the care of her loving sons Dick and Matt. She was eager to re-join Elmer(died May 14, 2012) with whom she raised 19 children to adulthood. An infant daughter Victoria preceded the couple to heaven on August 14, 1964. Their daughter Rebecca Mosler who died September 6, 2012, was also there to welcome her mother home. Mary Louise, fondly called Wesie by her friends and husband Elmer, was born June 2, 1922, to George and Louise (Kohler) Gehrlich. She was a lifelong resident of Wapakoneta who married her soulmate Elmer on January 10, 1944. Mary, who never ventured far from her hometown, was proud of her tea cup and post card collections which reflected the travels of her family. In one of Mary's last conversations, she expressed her love for her grandchildren (132 with 4 on the way) and her prayer that they would all grow up in the faith that she and Elmer treasured. Mary's work ethic served her well in the various jobs she held in early years: caring for an elderly neighbor, cleaning houses, and bookkeeping at Bowsher's Hardware. Once the youngest reached school age, Mary extended her love to 38 additional children over the next 20 years as their childcare provider. Wesie was noted for her volunteer work in scouting, DAV auxiliary, and her neighborhood. She spent many dedicated hours at St. Joseph Catholic Church, the only church home during her entire life. She participated in the Christian Mothers, Resurrection choir, and the

Church prayer line. Although Mary spent most of her time dedicated to the duties of a wife and mother, she loved camping, fishing, playing cards, crocheting, the Reds, and up to her final days, playing Text Twist and Words with Friends. Mary Louise is survived by her children Janice Daum, James (Elena), Barbara Maloney, Bonita (Michael Flood), Teresa (Michael) Elsass, Richard, Alice Altstaetter, Nancy (Edward) Gutman, Joseph (Kathy), Mary Kay (Daniel) Drexler, Philip, Frederick (Robin), Angela (Robert) Butler, Michael, Samuel (Mary), Matthew, Mark (Christina), Amy (Stuart) Meyers; Son-in-law Tom Mosler and Sisters-in-law Frances Gehrlich and Ruth Gehrlich. Mary always remembered in her daily prayers and rosary those in her family who had died: great-great grandson Jayden, and three sons-in-law Emerson Altstaetter, Tom Maloney, and Bob Daum. Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 10:30 am Wednesday, August 14th, at St. Joseph Catholic Church's Parish Life Center in Wapakoneta. The Reverends William O'Donnell, Patrick Sloneker, and Daniel Hunt will con-celebrate. Burial will follow in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Friends may call from 2:00 to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, August 13th and Wednesday from 9:00 to 10:00 at the Long & Folk Chapel of Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, 13 S. Blackhoof St.(Please use street address), Wapakoneta. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Tribute Wall

MA

“ I HAD THE JOY AND HONOR TO CARE FOR YOU AND DAD FOR THE LAST 9 1/2 YEARS.I WILL SAY I LOVE YOU AND TO DAD EVERY MORNING IN MY PRAYERS. I LOVE YOU!!!

MATTHEW - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

JH

“ Our sympathy to all the members of the Neumeier family on the loss of their loved one. She was one of kind, a saint on earth. It was our deep pleasure knowing her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jim and Mary Lou Harrison - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

DO

“ I was so sorry to hear of your mothers passing, praying for your family

Donna Clay Odenweller - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

AH

“ Barb, you have been in my prayers since I read that your mother passed. What a beautiful tribute to motherhood. God bless you and your family. Annie Miller Hemker

Anne Hemker - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

KW

“ Deepest Sympathy for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Ken and Mary Beth Webb and family

Ken and Mary Beth Webb - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

PF

“ We are honored to have met your mom and realize that our world has lost a very special person. Sympathy and love to all.

Peggy and Jim Flood - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

CT

“ Much love and many prayers to the entire Neumeier family at this difficult time. Special thoughts go out to Mark, Tina, Austin, & Luke. Love you guys. She was a great lady and a mom to be proud of!

Craig, Becky, Tom - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

MN

“ How wonderful that we were able to share "Facetime" together just a few days before your passing. I'm convinced you knew it would be our last conversation yet your words were so calming to me. Additionally, I know your spirit was guiding me & my family as we struggled to make our way back home from out west. You showed yourself in ways that only could have been from you. I love you Mom!

Mark Neumeier - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

MF

“ What a beautiful tribute to your dear mother as is her beautiful family. Our hearts are with you.

Mike and Lisa Fullenkamp - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

NC

“ Alice, Nancy and Family, The world dimmed a bit on 8/10 with the death of your Mother. She leaves a wonderful legacy in her remarkable family. Wishing you all strength and peace. Warmly, Nell (Doenges) Chadwick

Nell Doenges Chadwick - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

WO

“ To all the Neumier children. The Neumier family has always been an inspiration in my life and a great blessing to know. I vividly remember attending a birthday party for Becky hosted by her wonderful parents back in our elementary school days. Love and prayers for all as you celebrate the life our your wonderful mother.
Myron and Wilma (Pothast) Oen

Wilma Pothast Oen and Myron Oen - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

NA

“ Mom, When I held your head as you were entering heaven's door, I did look around your bed and see the faces of your other daughters and sons. I have never witnessed anything holier, Mom. Silent Night was playing softly in the background, and I knew Dad had his hands out ready to bring you home. Becky and Victoria got the next hugs and kisses. How wonderful you must have felt, Mom. Thank you so much for making our last moments with you so peaceful. I will never forget your last gift to all of us, Mom.

Nancy - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

AB

“ Momma, we are so happy we could help you at the end of your life at 3 West Silver Street. We know you're in the front row of the Angel Choir singing "Silent Night" and your favorite church hymns. Give Dad, Becky, and Victoria a big hug and kiss from us. How blessed we are to have your Resurrection Mass on Victoria's birth and death date on August 14th!! Good planning, Momma. Love, Angie & Barb

Angie & Barb - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM