



Melba A. Idle

February 10, 1922 - March 18, 2020

Melba Anna Elizabeth Idle, (age 98), formerly of Wapakoneta, died peacefully in her sleep on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at Bickford Senior Living in Lancaster Ohio. She was born February 10th, 1922, in Mercer County north-west of New Bremen to Frank and Emma (Heitman) Schierholt who preceded her in death. She was married to Frank H. Idle on June 6, 1943, at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Wapakoneta.

She is survived by two sons: Gary (Bonnie) Idle, Lorton, VA and Robert (Michal) Idle, Johnstown, Ohio. Her daughter, Debra (Jeff) Chenoweth, survives in Lancaster, Ohio. She has eight grandchildren: David (Kristin) Idle, Mendham, NJ, Jessica (Paul) Picard, Tampa, FL, Jay Idle, Changchun City, Jilin Province, China, Jerrod (Katherine) Idle, Harlingen, Texas, Jeremy (Mandi) Idle, Westerville, Ohio, Mathew Rohner, Lancaster, Ohio, Rachel Chenoweth, Lancaster, Ohio, and Rebecca (Alex) Bruhn, Lancaster, Ohio. She is also survived by seventeen great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband who passed away September 14, 1977, her parents, four sisters: Carmine Schaefer, Edna Nieter, Helen Schierholt and Ellen Huckeriede, two brothers: Willis Schierholt and Dennis Schierholt.

She graduated from Oak Harbor High School in 1939. She attended beauty school in Toledo. After graduation she went to work for Myrtle Idle's Beauty Salon. She and Frank took over the family business where Melba worked until she retired in 1987.

She was a very active member of the St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Wapakoneta. She was also a member of the woman's club, Eastern Star and Soroptimist club.

Her pastimes included reading and doing puzzles. Playing Bridge and Pinochle. She enjoyed golfing, boating, fishing and camping in Michigan. A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Wapakoneta at a later date.

Arrangements are being conducted by the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, Wapakoneta, where condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Cemetery

Presar Road
Wapakoneta, OH

Events

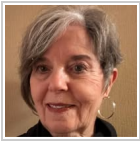
Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ I was a member of the Soroptimist Club of Wapakoneta along with Melba. She was a very pleasant lady. My condolences to the family.
Janice Longsworth

Janice Longsworth - March 22, 2020 at 06:01 PM



“ Melba-What a special and truly one-of-a-kind special lady! So many adjectives come to mind-beautiful (inside and out), intelligent, talented (hair-stylist, cards, golf), hard-working, independent, soft-spoken, sweet, kind and always a well-dressed classy lady. Melba was a dear and thoughtful friend to my mom, Dolly Davis, for over 60? years; especially in Dolly's declining years. For that, I have always been most grateful. May God bless your family with peace and JOYFUL memories. Melba will be remembered with fondness forever by all those that knew her. Tom and Pat Davis Shaw

Patty Davis Shaw - March 22, 2020 at 11:11 AM

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“ Thank you so much for letting us be a part of Melba's life these past few years. She has truly been a treasure to me as we've shared Bible study, memories, and insights about life. I will truly miss her. Much love to you all, Chaplain April Thoms

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“ My sympathies to the children and family of Mrs. Idle. My mom thought very highly of her and the Idle family. At such a sad time, her memory recalls what we call the good old days in Wapakoneta.

John Zimmerman - March 20, 2020 at 11:10 PM