



Rita Marie Market

December 1, 1942 - August 8, 2025

Rita M. Market, 82, of Columbus, OH, died Friday morning, August 8, 2025, at Riverside Methodist Hospital with her loving family at her side. She was born December 1, 1942, in Lima, OH, the daughter of the late Harold V. and Edith M. (Kohler) Stroh. On December 31, 1960 she married Jerry E. Market and he preceded her in death on January 7, 1998.

Survivors include,

3 children, Steve A. (fiancée – Sterling Silva) Market, Arlington, OH,

Julie A. (Rick) Naus, Columbus, OH,

Dennis A. Market, Columbus, OH;

grandson, John (Summer) Huddleston;

step-grandson, Gavin Naus;

great grandchildren, Khloe, Brooklyn, Ava, Danielle;

siblings, Jim (Jan) Stroh, Hilton Head Island, SC,

Sue (Dave) Howe, Wapakoneta, Judy (Joe) Lenhart, Wapakoneta,

Mary (Larry) Copeland, Wapakoneta,

Patty (Bob) Heller, Hamilton, OH, Mike (Peggy) Stroh, Wapakoneta,

Diane (Bruce) Schweitzer, Crescent Springs, KY;

several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Rita retired in 2004 as a television programmer with WOSU TV and Radio, Columbus. She was a 1960 graduate of St. Joseph High School, Wapakoneta, and a member of the former St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Columbus. Rita loved watching sports and was a huge fan of The Ohio State University

Buckeyes. She also enjoyed reading and spending time with her family. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Thursday, August 14, 2025, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, with Fr. Ethan Hoying officiating. Burial is to follow in the St. Joseph Cemetery. The family will receive friends 5-8 p.m., Wednesday, August 13, and 9-10 a.m., Thursday, August 14, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Cancer Society of the Holy Face of Jesus Parish. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
1102 Lincoln Hwy
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
(419) 738-7676
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com/>

Visitation

AUG 14. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Service

AUG **14**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Pearl St.
Wapakoneta, OH

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to just now be seeing this. Rita was my 1st boss at WOSU Public Media and a wonderful mentor. She took amazing pride in her work. She is missed and remembered fondly.

Alysia Gobert-Smith - March 18 at 03:31 PM

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“ Carol A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita Marie Market.

Carol A. - August 13, 2025 at 09:31 PM

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“ The Miller Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita Marie Market.

The Miller Families - August 13, 2025 at 09:52 AM

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“ The Miller Families purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rita Marie Market.



The Miller Families - August 13, 2025 at 09:52 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita Marie Market.



August 11, 2025 at 06:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rita Marie Market.

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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rita Marie Market.

August 11, 2025 at 02:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rita Marie Market.



August 11, 2025 at 02:14 PM

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“ *Cousin Elaine & Gene Anderson purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Rita Marie Market.*



Cousin Elaine & Gene Anderson - August 11, 2025 at 02:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rita Marie Market.

August 11, 2025 at 06:20 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rita Marie Market.*



August 11, 2025 at 06:20 AM