



## Rita Mae McCullough

October 22, 1940 - October 2, 2024

Rita M. "Petey" McCullough, 83, of New Knoxville, OH, of New Knoxville, died 11:50 p.m., Wednesday, October 2, 2024, at Otterbein-St. Marys, with her family at her side. She was born Oct. 22, 1940, in Auglaize Co., the daughter of Dillon John and Hulda Louise (Manzelman) Hollenbacher, who preceded her in death. On December 28, 1957, she married Donald E. McCullough, and he survives.

Other survivors include,

3 daughters, Teresa "Terri" (Dave) Goodwin, New Bremen, OH,

Rebecca "Becky" (Steve) Doty, Wapakoneta, OH,

Cindy (Andy) Shroyer, New Knoxville, OH;

6 grandchildren, Curtis (Haley) Goodwin, Toni Goodwin,

Mitchell (Casey) Doty, Michael (Ashley) Doty,

Nathanial (Jenna) Shroyer, Katie Shroyer (Chris Tinnerman);

16 great grandchildren;

sister, Ruby (Ned) Berlet, Wapakoneta;

brother, Ernie (Nancy-dec) Hollenbacher, Wapakoneta;

brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Carol (Kermit, Jr.-dec) McCullough,

Paul (Barb) McCullough,

Joann (Bill-dec) Dull, Connie (Bob) Sutton;

several special friends at Otterbein.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a grandson, Josiah Shroyer, siblings and spouses, Roger (Joyce) Hollenbacher, Marilyn (Bob)

Eisert, Ruth (Paul) Zwiebel. She was also preceded in death by her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, James (Nancy) McCullough.

Rita worked as an auction clerk for the Myers Auction Service for 17 years. She was a member of the Immanuel Church of Kettlersville, and a 1958 graduate of Blume High School. Petey was a woman of faith, faithful to her baptismal promises for her daughters, and continued to search out the Lord through Bible study. She enjoyed reading, cleaning, line dancing, shopping, journaling, and pulling weeds. She loved spending time with her grandchildren, great grandchildren, and her dogs.

Funeral services will be 3:00 p.m., Monday, October 7, 2024, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, with Pastor Ed Rinehart officiating. Burial is to follow in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta. The family will receive family and friends 1-3 p.m., Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Immanuel Church.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Cemetery

Presar Road  
Wapakoneta, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 7. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory  
1102 Lincoln Ave.  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895  
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com  
<http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com>

## Service

OCT 7. 3:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

KB

“ *Karsten & Kathy Blume purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Rita Mae McCullough.*



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**Karsten & Kathy Blume** - October 06, 2024 at 12:27 PM

LT

“ *Prayers for peace and comfort for all touched by Ritas life. Such a sweet lady.*



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**Lisa Thobe** - October 06, 2024 at 10:26 AM

SW

*My deepest sympathies to Uncle Don, Cousins Terri, Becky, Cindy & families. Aunt Rita was such a wonderful, kind and loving person. I was so lucky to have her in my life. I am so sorry I cannot be there for her service. May God bless all of you, knowing His Loving Arms are holding all of you. Heaven is rejoicing having Rita back home.*

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**Susan McCullough Whitaker** - October 07, 2024 at 01:53 PM

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“ I remember riding a bike to Don, Rita's and my cousin's home during summer weeks at my grandparent's (Kermit and Arvilla's) farm. Rita and her family were always so kind, hospitable and entertaining to and of me and my curious questions, and we always had fun, even if we were working or doing the many chores required to run their farm, business and home. Don and Rita volunteered their home, farm and equipment to host a big party at their place for some college friends of mine from other countries, which proved to be a blessing that they and I remember fondly to this day.

Condolences to my cousins and to you, Uncle Don. It was obvious that Rita was loved by her many friends and family, and she loved you all very, very much. Rest in peace Aunt Rita. Mike Dull and family in Florida.

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**Mike Dull** - October 05, 2024 at 05:03 PM

DM

“ Daughters of Jim & Nancy McCullough planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita Mae McCullough.

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**Daughters of Jim & Nancy McCullough** - October 04, 2024 at 05:34 PM

DM

“ Daughters of Jim & Nancy McCullough purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Rita Mae McCullough.



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**Daughters of Jim & Nancy McCullough** - October 04, 2024 at 05:34 PM