



## Rita M. Tebbe

December 26, 1928 - August 1, 2020

Rita M. Tebbe, 91, of Wapakoneta, died 8:04 a.m., Sat. Aug. 1, 2020, at the Acres of Wapakoneta. She was born Dec. 26, 1928, in Pusheta Twp., Auglaize Co., the daughter of Benedict M. & Alma B. (Brown) Steinke, who preceded her in death. On Sept. 16, 1950, she married Lawrence P. Tebbe, and he survives.

Other survivors include,

3 children, Thomas (Brenda-dec) Tebbe, Morral, OH,

David (Paula E.) Tebbe, Elberta, AL,

Patricia Strong, Hampstead, NH;

5 grandchildren, Thomas Tebbe, Teresa Tebbe, Timothy Tebbe, Tony Tebbe, Alisha Gayle Tebbe (Anthony 'Pip') Thomas

3 great grandchildren, Ryan Tebbe, Taylor Tebbe, & Taryn Tebbe;

siblings, George (Judy) Steinke, Wapakoneta, Catherine Schmerge, Botkins, Mary Ellen Pauly, Galion, OH;

sisters-in-law, Erma Steinke, & Jane Steinke, both of Wapakoneta  
numerous nieces & nephews.

She was preceded in death by brothers, Alfred Steinke, Joseph (Christine) Steinke, Francis Steinke, brothers-in-law, George Schmerge & James Pauly, and step-mother, Frances J. Meyer Steinke.

A homemaker, Rita worked as a registered nurse, retiring from the Auglaize Co. Health Dept. after 21 years of service. She was a 1946 graduate of St. Joseph High School, Wapakoneta, and a 1949 graduate of the St. Rita's

Hospital School of Nursing, Lima. Rita was an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, where she served as a Eucharistic Minister, visited the St. Joseph Parish members while they were in the hospital and nursing homes, and managed the food tent at the Fourth of July festival for several years. She was a member of the St. Rita's Nurses Alumni, a board member of the American Cancer Society Board and the Auglaize Co. Visiting Nurses. Rita was also a member of the Ohio Polka Boosters and was an exhibitor at the state and county fairs of farm produce, baked goods and canned goods. She volunteered for the American Red Cross for over 25 years and was a 26-gallon blood donor.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Fri. Aug. 7, 2020, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, with Rev. Sean Wilson officiating. Burial is to follow in the St. Joseph Cemetery, Wapakoneta. The family will receive family and friends 2-4 & 6-8 p.m., Thurs. at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to St. Joseph Catholic Church or the American Red Cross. Condolences may be expressed at [www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Wapakoneta Fisher Road  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895`

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

AUG 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

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AUG 7. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Pearl Street  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

# Tribute Wall



“ We wish to send our heartfelt condolences to you, Lawrence, and the rest of your family. Lots of good memories from the reunions.  
*Bob and Marlene Tebbe*

lori - August 06, 2020 at 08:57 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rita M. Tebbe.



August 04, 2020 at 08:08 PM



“ Rita was a force to be reckoned with! You knew where you stood with her but she had a very kind heart and loving nature and a smile that made you smile. She will be very much missed. God's speed, Rita.

Cindy Colaprete - August 04, 2020 at 11:59 AM



“ Will always remember Rita and Lawrence. Such sweet people. My condolences to Patty, Tom and Dave. Rest in heaven, Rita.

Nancy Gutman - August 02, 2020 at 12:30 PM

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*Our condolences for the family of Rita's. She was an excellent nurse and a loving friend. I remember the homemade molasses they made and brought to Findlay. You have our heartfelt sympathy.*  
*Dean and Sue Tebbe Wilkerson*

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**Susan Wilkerson** - August 03, 2020 at 09:26 PM

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*My condolences to Lawrence, Tom, Patty, Dave and the grandchildren. Rita was a woman of strong faith, a gentle, kind, loving and generous person. Jay and I always enjoyed visiting her and Lawrence whenever we were in Ohio. Sorry I cannot be there for the funeral.*  
*Betty Tebbe Meyring*

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**Betty Meyring** - August 06, 2020 at 12:19 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Rita's passing; she was a very giving person. Rest in Peace, Rita.*

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**Shirley Buffenbarger** - August 02, 2020 at 06:56 AM



“ *Rita was such a nice lady. Rest peacefully.*

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**Jamie Hassenauer** - August 01, 2020 at 08:01 PM