



Sue Ellen Kohler

October 3, 1943 - September 11, 2020

Obituary notice of Sue Ellen Kohler,
Dateline, Wapakoneta, OH,

Sue Ellen Kohler, 76, of Wapakoneta, died 11:10 p.m. Fri. Sept. 11, 2020, at her residence. She was born Oct. 3, 1943, the daughter of James P. & Betty Margaret (Chiles) Dearbaugh, who preceded her in death. On July 14, 1962, she married Ronald L. Kohler, and he survives.

Other survivors include,
2 sons, Aaron (Jackie) Kohler, New Haven, IN,
Ian (Dani) Kohler, Wapakoneta, OH,
8 grandchildren, Olivia,
Emma,
Jeffery,
Jenna,
Kalissa,
Sarah,
Ellana,
Kylah,
honorary grandson, Brayden,
2 brothers, James Steven (Jackie) Dearbaugh,
Brent (Karen) Dearbaugh,

Sue Ellen was elected the Auglaize County Clerk of Courts in 1988, and she retired from that position in June of 2011. She has the honor of being the longest elected female politician in Auglaize County. She was a former member of the Ohio Clerk Association and served as President in 1997; served as the Governor Appointee on the Automated Title Processing System Board representing the Clerks; was a former member of the Ohio Association of Municipal/County Clerks; former member of the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers where she became Ohio's State Director and also became the Director at Large for the Clerk's Division. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, where she was active in the Chancel Choir and in the Church Bell Choir, as well as a member of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in North Fort Myers, FL, where she played handbells. She was member of the Order of the Eastern Star, both the Wapakoneta Koneta Chapter #385 and Spencerville Chapter #130, where she was the Past Worthy Matron, Past District Deputy, and Past President of the Association. She was a member Auglaize County Alumni Band and the Lima Symphony Orchestra. She enjoyed entertaining at her homes in Ohio and Florida. She was an avid Wapakoneta Redskin and Ohio State fan. Her greatest joy came from being involved in all aspects of her grandchildren's lives. You would often hear her cheering from the crowd at any of their games or functions.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Thurs. Sept. 17, 2020, at the First United Methodist Church, Wapakoneta, Pastor Josh Tissot, Pastor Mike Westbay, Pastor Scott Fetter officiating. Burial will be at a later date in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta. The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m., Wed. at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, and 1hr prior to the service on Thurs. at the First United Methodist Church, Wapakoneta Redskin & Ohio State attire is welcomed. There will be an Order of the Eastern Star Memorial Service, held at 7 p.m. Wed. at the funeral home. Memorials may be directed

to the First United Methodist Church or the Wapakoneta Athletic Booster Club.
Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Cemetery

Presar Road
Wapakoneta, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

SEP 17. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
Glynwood Road
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Service

SEP 17. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ Ron, so sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers to you and your family during this difficult time.

Diana Bakle - September 17, 2020 at 08:50 PM

KK

“ To the family of Sue Ellen, please accept my most sincere sympathy in her passing. During my 16 plus year tenure as Auglaize County Administrator, I had the opportunity to work with Sue Ellen. I always found her to be the ultimate professional and a wonderful public servant. Her sense of humor made our jobs in the courthouse so much more pleasant and I found her to be a wealth of knowledge on a wide range of topics. Without hesitation, I can say that she made Auglaize County a better place in which to live and raise a family. May she forever rest in peace in the presence of our Lord.

Kurt Kuffner

Kurt Kuffner - September 17, 2020 at 04:29 PM

SF

“ We were so sorry to hear of Sue's passing. Our sincere sympathy to Ron and all the family. Steve and Judy Fisher

Steve and Judy Fisher - September 17, 2020 at 01:11 PM

BC

“ Ron and family,
Billie and I are so sorry for your loss. We always enjoyed talking to you and Sue when we would see you out eating. She touched many hearts around the state. She was always willing to share her knowledge with anyone that would ask her.
Our thoughts and prayers go to you and the family in you time grief.

Bob & Billie Conner - September 16, 2020 at 07:19 PM

JS

“ Jane S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Sue Ellen Kohler.



Jane S. - September 16, 2020 at 11:43 AM

JT

“ To Ron and the family. We are thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers. I think I knew Sue Ellen most of my life; since high school. She was one terrific lady. If you ask her to do something, if at all possible, you knew it would be done. Jane and Tom Tallman

Jane Tallman - September 15, 2020 at 11:14 AM

GB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Sue Ellen was always such a strong, classy person to me. I appreciate and respect her dedication to her community and to her family. A true example of a community leader.

Greg Brush

Greg Brush - September 15, 2020 at 09:18 AM

NA

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Sue was a a very lovely person & a great public servant too. May God comfort all of you, now, and always.*

Nancy (Barber) Ainsworth - September 15, 2020 at 12:11 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sue Ellen Kohler.*



September 14, 2020 at 05:22 PM

LG

“ *Ron and Family, From the first day I met Sue Ellen at my first OCCA meeting, she shared her knowledge with me and was a true mentor to me! I'm forever grateful for her guidance, advice, hugs and caring words that she unselfishly shared with myself and many others within the OCCA. A true public servant and servant of God. She will be missed greatly by her OCCA friends and family. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers now and in the days ahead. May God give you the strength, comfort, and love as only HE can always.*

Peace & much love to you all.

Lisa Gilliland

Vinton County Clerk of Courts 1997--present

LISA GILLILAND - September 14, 2020 at 03:56 PM

MO

“ *What a legacy of service to your county and to Ohio! Your kindness and competence are appreciated. Rest in Heaven Sue Ellen!*

Maryellen O'Shaughnessy - September 14, 2020 at 03:04 PM

JS

“ *To the family of Sue Ellen, I want to say how deeply sorry I am for your loss of such a vibrant, honest and just a lovely person (things that you know). Please also know that she touched the lives of many of us who consider ourselves public servants (rather than politicians) and in such a positive way. It is without doubt that she was a beacon of light to all who met her in such a way that they could see her good works and glorify her Father who is in Heaven. God bless you and thank you for sharing her with us in the OCCA family. She will be missed, but her memory will live on with many of us.*

*Sincerely,
Jim Spaeth*

Jim Spaeth - September 14, 2020 at 01:23 PM

ES

“ *I enjoyed playing in the alumni band with Sue in the early 1990's. Ron and family are in my thoughts.*

Elizabeth Siferd - September 14, 2020 at 01:21 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Sue Ellen Kohler.*



September 14, 2020 at 11:38 AM

JM

“ I was sorry to hear that Sue Ellen passed away. I have so many memories of Sue Ellen at the Ohio Clerk of Courts Conferences. Sue Ellen was always a great leader and friend to all of the members of the Ohio Clerk of Courts Assn. She had such a great sense of humor , She will be missed by all.

Jan A. Mottinger
Miami County Clerk of Courts

Jan A. Mottinger - September 14, 2020 at 10:52 AM

JP

“ Sue Ellen was such a strong and caring person. She provided strong leadership in Ohio with the Clerks of Courts' association. She was passionate about her beliefs, and was a great colleague. I have so many fond memories of her, but many involved her very funny sense of humor, including the way she and her entire staff announced to me her decision to retire! Oh, it was so funny! In our sadness, I hope that her family can find solace in remembering her love and humor, and her matter-of-fact strength of character. What a great role model for all those grandchildren whom she adored. I will miss her in so many ways, including her face and voice in the church choir at First United Methodist Church. Judge Frederick D. (Fred) Pepple

Judge Frederick D. Pepple - September 14, 2020 at 10:22 AM

DW

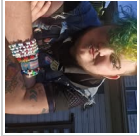
Ron and family so sorry for your loss. Sue Ellen will definitely be missed.

Deb White - September 21, 2020 at 02:35 AM

KK

“ I was saddened to learn of Sue Ellen's death. I had not seen her for years but I always enjoyed working with her. She had a wonderful smile and great energy. I know she will be missed. Kelly Kirk, District Representative to Mike Oxley

Kelly Kirk - September 14, 2020 at 06:51 AM



“ Sue was my grandma. I'm the oldest of the grandchildren. When I was little I remember going to the fair. There was this clown flowing us around. I think it was trying to make me like it but that just scared me more. Finally my grandma picked me up yelled at the clown punched him square in the nose and we went and got ice cream. To you it may seem like a bad memory but to me it was the best.

Andi Berlin - September 13, 2020 at 10:11 PM