



## Wilma A. Springer

October 22, 1924 - December 26, 2018

Wilma A. Springer, 94 of The Gardens, Wapakoneta, died 5:54 p.m., Wed. Dec. 26, 2018, at Mercy Health- St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima, with her family at her side. She was born Oct. 22, 1924, in Jackson Twp. Putnam Co., OH, the daughter of August & Carolina (Pohl) Utrup.

She was married to Nile McDonel and he was killed while in the service during W.W. II. Then on Sept. 13, 1946, she married Harold Springer, and he preceded her in death April 24, 1986.

Survivors include,

3 daughters, Pat (Sam) Wiford, Wapakoneta,

Linda (Bill) Drawe, Sequin, TX

Jin Stratton, Wapakoneta,

5 grandchildren, Tammy Wiford, Brett (Angie) Wiford, Dee Dee (Sammy) Phillips,

Kelly (Ric) Henry, & Dana Stratton,

10 great grandchildren, Will & Brynn Wiford; Caleb, Jacob, & Rachel Phillips,

John Thomas Henry & Sadie Henry; Kylie Hall,

Cameron Cushman, & Connor Stratton,

a great great grandchild, Caden Phillips,

siblings, Laretta Hollar, Delphos, OH; Ruth Martin, Lima; Ed Utrup, Delphos;

and Irene Utrup, Delphos,

sisters-in-law, Gloria Utrup and Annaka Utrup.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by a son & daughter-in-law, Larry (Sharon) Springer; a son-in-law, Victor Stratton; 2 brothers, Roman Utrup, Art (Berdine) Utrup; and brothers-in-law & sister-in-law, Merle Hollar, Bill Martin, Ruth Utrup.

Wilma worked as a nurse and administrator at the Cridersville Nursing Home for 35 years. She was a graduate of Middle Point High School. Wilma was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, and volunteered with the Stephens Ministry at the church. Her hobbies included reading, playing bingo, crossword puzzles and playing cards. She also served as secretary with the Ohio Appaloosa Horse Assn. for many years. In her

younger years, Wilma played the harmonica in her family band at weddings and other gatherings.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Mon. Dec. 31, 2018, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta. With Rev. Sean Wilson officiating. Burial is to follow in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Wapakoneta. The family will receive family and friends 2-7 p.m., Sun. Dec. 30, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, 1102 Lincoln Ave. (St. Rt. 501) Wapakoneta. Memorial contributions may be directed to the charity of the donor's choice. 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

DEC **30**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

DEC **31**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Pearl Street  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

# Tribute Wall

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“ Deepest heartfelt sympathy to the family..Aunt Wilma was a most loving, kind soul..will miss her. May she rest knowing angels surround her in heaven.  
Connie Springer Turner



Connie Turner - December 29, 2018 at 06:59 PM

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“ Dear family: So sorry to hear of your loss. What a wonderful lady! I had the honor to work under Wilma at Cridersville Nursing Home several years ago. --Pam (Wade) Powell

Pam Powell - December 29, 2018 at 11:46 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Wilma A. Springer.



December 28, 2018 at 03:33 PM

MG

“ Our deepest condolences to Pat Wiford and the rest of the family on the passing of Wilma. I knew Wilma for 31 years with my banking relationship in Cridersville. She was such a nice lady. Marilyn & Joe Garcia, Cridersville, OH 12-28-18

Marilyn & Joe Garcia - December 28, 2018 at 03:00 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilma A. Springer.



December 28, 2018 at 12:33 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilma A. Springer.



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December 28, 2018 at 11:01 AM

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“ sending our deepest sympathy to the family on your loss. May God give you comfort during this time. We did not know Wilma but she was a good friend to our mother-mother-in-law, Roberta Knoch. Mom thought very highly of Wilma. son & dau-i-l, Robert & Kathy Knoch

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**Kathy Knoch** - December 27, 2018 at 05:41 PM