



Obituary

Born: Friday, June 8, 1928

Died: Thursday, January 3, 2019

MANSFIELD — Ruth Elaine Yarger, 90, of Mansfield, went to join her husband, Robert G. Yarger, and her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in Heaven on Thursday, January 3, 2019, after nearly a year-long struggle with the effects of a stroke. She was born June 8, 1928, in Columbus Grove, Ohio, to the late Thomas and Vera (Snipker) Palmer.

She graduated from Columbus Grove High School in 1946 and married the love of her life, Robert "Bob" Yarger on June 19, 1948. Bob was a State Highway Patrolman and his job brought them to Mansfield in 1961. Since they decided to raise their family in Mansfield rather than make another move with the Highway Patrol, they pursued a new career. In 1972, they opened their own business, "Bob's Handy Store", which they operated together. Sadly, he passed away in 1991, but Ruth continued the business until 1996 when she retired to spend more time with her family. She thoroughly enjoyed being at home and having the luxury of spoiling her family with her wonderful holiday cooking and homemade cherry pies. At the age of 77, Ruth was blessed with her only grandchild and he was a gift she and the entire family cherished. Ruth planned Easter egg hunts every year for her grandson's enjoyment. Ruth enjoyed every opportunity she could to spend time with her family.

Ruth had many lifelong friends and enjoyed playing Canasta and Euchre throughout her life. Ruth enjoyed going out to eat with her girlfriends from the "Class of 1946" and her girlfriends in Mansfield. She was an honorary member of the Lexington Seniors. She was a member of the Daughters of Herman, VFW Post #9943 Ladies Auxiliary, and Fun and Friendship Club. She was a long time member of Chapel Hill United Methodist Church.

Ruth enjoyed life to the fullest and was a very active lady. Ruth bowled as a teenager; tried golf at age 38 where she became the #4 player on her team at Forest Hills (Imperial) Golf Course; and enjoyed water exercises at Friendly House for 20 years with her girlfriends. Her bright spirit has now joined her beloved husband, but Ruth leaves a lifetime of memories for family and friends to cherish.

Ruth is survived by two daughters, Barbara Jerome and Jennifer Young, both of Mansfield; a son, Curt (Karen) Yarger of Mansfield; one grandson, Wade Yarger of Mansfield; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Ruth was preceded in death by a daughter, Paula Jo Yarger; granddaughter, Kelly Jo Young; son-in-law, James Jerome; brother, Thomas "Sam"

Service Summary

Visitation

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Fri Jan 11, 2019

Hartman Sons Funeral Home

10879 State Route 12 West
Columbus Grove, Ohio 45830

Funeral Service

10:30 AM Sat Jan 12, 2019

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Palmer Jr.; sister-in-law, Carol J. Palmer; sister, Dorothy "Dot" Basinger; brother-in-law, Noel "Chink" Basinger; brother-in-law, Claude O. Yarger (Killed During WWII); brother-in-law, Ralph Yarger; sister-in-law, Rosemary Yarger; sister-in-law, Ethel Yarger; sister-in-law, Lenore Yarger; sister-in-law, Elizabeth "Libby" Montgomery; brother-in-law, Scott Montgomery; brother-in-law, Gerald "Short" Yarger; sister-in-law, Virginia "Virg" Yarger; sister-in-law, Ruth D. Wilcox; brother-in-law, Warren Wilcox; brother-in-law, Dwight "Dee" Yarger; sister-in-law, Bette (Thatcher) Yarger.

The family will receive friends from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 9, 2019, at the Ontario Home of Wappner Funeral Directors, 100 S. Lexington-Springmill Rd. The funeral service will be held Thursday, January 10, 2019, at the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. with additional visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m. with Pastor Donna Mills officiating. Visitation in Ruth's hometown will be held Friday, January 11, 2019, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Hartman Sons Funeral Home, 10879 St. Rt. 12, Columbus Grove, Ohio. The final funeral service will be held in Hartman Sons Funeral Home on Saturday, January 12, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. with additional visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m. She will be laid to rest beside her husband in Truro Cemetery, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

Memorial Contributions may be made to OhioHealth Hospice, Mansfield or Chapel Hill United Methodist Church in Mansfield.

Words of comfort may be expressed to the family at www.wappner.com