



## Barbara Ann Nelson Potter

October 21, 1927 - December 10, 2024

Barbara Ann Nelson Potter, age 97, of Westerville passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her loving family on December 10, 2024. Known for her vibrant spirit, love for family and passion for music, Barbara will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She was preceded in death by her infant triplets, Marguerite, Stephen, and Michael Hofstetter; parents, Benjamin and Margaret Jones; and former husbands, William E. Hofstetter, Robert J. Carroll, and Earl R. Nelson. Barbara is survived by husband Steve Potter; children: Fred Hofstetter (JoAnn Balingit) Newark, Delaware, Mary Ann Vidourek (Bob) Redmond, Oregon, Bob Hofstetter (Lynne) Powell, Ohio and Linda Hofstetter Nolan, Sunbury, Ohio; grandchildren: Dan Hofstetter (Serap), Tom Hofstetter, Samantha Bushnell (Darrell), Ben Vidourek, Adam Vidourek (Karli), Natalie Hofstetter, Casey McPherson (Nate), Jamie Bando (Dante), Andy Vidourek (Allison), Bobbie Hildreth (Rich), Ed Nolan (Heather) and Julian Hofstetter; 23 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren, stepchildren and their families.

Barbara graduated from North High School, Columbus, Ohio. Teaching private piano until the age of 90, she imparted her love of music to hundreds of children and young adults throughout her life. Barbara played the organ at Holy Name Catholic Church from 1985-1989. She was a member of Worthington Women's Club, Columbus Music Teachers Association, The Ohio State University Mother's Club and North High Women's Association. Her

hobbies were playing the piano, organ, guitar, bridge, poker, and bowling.

In celebration of Barbara's life, calling hours will be December 17 from 6-8 pm at Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home, 515 High St., Worthington, Ohio. A memorial service will be held on December 18 at 11 am at Worthington United Methodist Church, Potter Chapel, 600 High St., Worthington, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Heart Association.

# Cemetery Details

## Walnut Grove Cemetery

5561 Milton Ave.  
Worthington, OH 43085  
(614) 885-5033

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Corbin Funeral Home  
515 High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085

## Funeral Service

DEC 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Worthington United Methodist Church, Potter Chapel  
600 High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085  
[dan@rutherfordfuneralhome.com](mailto:dan@rutherfordfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Ann Nelson Potter*



Rutherford Funeral Homes - December 16, 2024 at 03:14 PM

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“ *Cathy Cerny lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Nelson Potter*



Cathy Cerny - May 05, 2025 at 04:18 PM

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“ *Barbara was such a sweet kind lady with such versatility and talent. She taught my daughter, Bethany (Cromley) Wagner, piano lessons from when she was in 4th or 5th grade until maybe sophomore year in high school. Even when my daughter got a temporary interest in learning to play guitar, she found an online tutorial and worked with Bethany on learning the guitar. Rest in peace and may God comfort your family in this loss.*

Victoria L Cromley - December 16, 2024 at 07:43 PM

PS

“ Linda, your mom was the epitome of love, kindness and JOY! I am so grateful I was able to visit her on several occasions while I was in Columbus and especially the last time when the two of you played a duet on her piano! What an incredible example she left for so many students, friends and family!!! I am grateful to have known her and that she raised such a beautiful daughter as you!!! Blessings to you as you say goodbye for now, but know she has been Promoted to Heaven and will watch over you!!!

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**Pam Spencer** - December 16, 2024 at 01:57 PM

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“ Mark and Beth Moniuszko purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Barbara Ann Nelson Potter.



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**Mark and Beth Moniuszko** - December 16, 2024 at 09:48 AM

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“ Anthony + Kelley Chaffin purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Barbara Ann Nelson Potter.



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**Anthony + Kelley Chaffin** - December 16, 2024 at 07:52 AM

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“ Anthony + Kelley Chaffin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Ann Nelson Potter.

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**Anthony + Kelley Chaffin** - December 16, 2024 at 07:52 AM

JC

“ Barb was my piano teacher when I was growing up but more important she was my Mom’s dear friend. Their friendship went thru decades together. While the last time we spoke was 4 years ago when my Mom passed, her light and love for music will forever live in my heart. What a wonderful person, full of kindness. I will forever remember her dearly. Sending love and prayers to her wonderful family during this time.

Jeneanne Carman - December 15, 2024 at 11:44 PM

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“ I remember when Barbara and Steve were married at Worthington United Methodist Church. I was unable to attend because of another commitment, but I learned from friends who did that it was a glorious event. Barbara was very well liked along with Steve. People who visited them at home said that their home was just wonderful with all Barbara's piano playing.

Eleanor Meekins - December 15, 2024 at 08:56 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Nelson Potter.



December 13, 2024 at 07:36 PM



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