



## Barbara Ann (Wheeler) Austin

July 27, 1934 - November 20, 2025

Barbara Ann Austin (Wheeler), 91, a resident of Maple Knoll Village in Springdale, Ohio, went to be with her Lord and Savior at her home on November 20, 2025. She was a cherished wife, mother of three, grandmother of five, and friend to many who will be deeply missed.

Born in Ashland, Kentucky, Barb was a proud graduate of the St. Mary's School of Nursing in West Virginia and a Registered Nurse for many years. She retired as a nursing supervisor from Mercy Hospital in Fairfield, Ohio.

Barb was a lifelong avid reader, a master at crossword puzzles, and a longtime member of John Wesley United Methodist Church in Pleasant Run Farms, Ohio. Though sometimes fanatical, her enthusiasm for the Cincinnati Reds could never compare to her love for faith, family, and her husband of 62 years, Ronald Frank Austin.

She was preceded in death by her father Ova and mother Maebelle Wheeler (Shortridge); her adored husband Ron Austin; her beloved daughter Tonya Johnson (Austin); and her dear brothers Jack, Richard, and Joe Wheeler.

She is survived and never forgotten by her brother Norwood ("Butch") Wheeler; her son Ronald Mark Austin (wife Dawn) of Delaware, Ohio; and her daughter Debi Huffman of Charleston, West Virginia. She bragged daily about

her five treasured grandchildren and their spouses: Ron's son Zachary (Erika); Tonya's children Ashley (Dan), Ryan (Allison), and Kyle (Makayla); and Debi's son Brandon (father to Nick, the great-grandchild she got to meet). She will be sorely missed by her nieces and nephews; son-in-law Richard (Tonya); and many dear friends in her Maple Knoll community—particularly Carol Walters and Wanda Houser, who cared for her and who she loved like the sisters she never had.

A private family viewing is scheduled on Saturday, November 29. A graveside service open to friends and officiated by Rev. Kalamba Kilumba will follow at Oller Cemetery, 5459 Riverside Drive, Delaware, Ohio, 43015 at 11:30am.

# Cemetery Details

## Oller Cemetery

5459 Riverside Drive  
Delaware, OH 43015

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

NOV **29**. 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



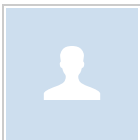
“ Barbara & Ron were old friends from long ago. RIP. Love, Juanita Sargent

Bill Sargent - March 15 at 12:27 PM



“ Sharon M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Ann (Wheeler) Austin.

Sharon M. - November 28, 2025 at 05:42 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann (Wheeler) Austin.



November 26, 2025 at 11:01 AM



“ Dr. Phillips Center planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Ann (Wheeler) Austin.

Dr. Phillips Center - November 26, 2025 at 11:01 AM



“ Sending my deepest sympathies to Mrs. Barb Austin's family. May the Lord comfort you in your time of grief.

Felicia Brown - November 24, 2025 at 04:45 PM

FB

“ Felicia B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Ann (Wheeler) Austin.

Felicia B. - November 24, 2025 at 04:43 PM

LW

“ Love, Rick, Natalie, Adam & Josh Wheeler purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Barbara Ann (Wheeler) Austin.



Love, Rick, Natalie, Adam & Josh Wheeler - November 23, 2025 at 09:34 AM

PA

“ Sorry Barb, I meant “rest in peace”, not piece! Pat Arthur

Pat Arthur - November 22, 2025 at 11:03 PM

PA

“ My condolences to Barb’s family. I will miss my dearest friend here at Maple Knoll. Barb was incredibly strong in facing her obstacles. She was so proud of her family. Not a day will go by that I won’t think of her. Rest in piece Barb.  
Pat Arthur

Pat Arthur - November 22, 2025 at 10:31 PM

DA

Thank you Pat. Know that she spoke of you fondly and often. You were a dear friend to her as well. Ron and Dawn Austin

Dawn Austin - November 25, 2025 at 02:59 PM

BT

“ *Betsy and Caroline Thompson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Barbara Ann (Wheeler) Austin.*



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**Betsy and Caroline Thompson** - November 22, 2025 at 04:44 PM