



## Betsy Van Heyde

June 26, 1941 - June 14, 2021

Betsy Louise Bernert Van Heyde passed away on June 14, 2021. Betsy was born in Steubenville, Ohio, but lived in Columbus for most of her life. She was a beloved English teacher at Central High School for many years. Betsy was a member of St. Brendan's Catholic Church, where she sang in the choir. Betsy's proudest accomplishment was raising her two sons, James Michael and John Brendan. In recent years, her granddaughter, Liv, brought great joy to Betsy's life. Betsy is preceded in death by her husband George James, and her parents John and Olive Bernert. She is survived by her sons James Michael (Lindsey McPheeters) and John Brendan (fiance Tonya Phillips); brothers Ted Bernert (Sharon) and Tom Bernert (Lee); brother-in-law John Phillip Van Heyde; niece Katie Bernert; nephew Jeb Bernert (Emmy Scancarello); grandniece Kaia Louise; and many friends and extended family. Friends may call Monday June 21, 2021 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at the RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High St in Worthington. Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday June 22, 2021 at 10:30am at St. Brendan's Catholic Church, 4475 Dublin Road in Hilliard, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **21**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home  
515 High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085  
(614) 885-4006  
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Mass

JUN **22**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Brendan the Navigator Catholic Church  
4475 Dublin Road  
Hilliard, OH 43026

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Betsy Van Heyde* ”



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**Rutherford Funeral Homes** - June 21, 2021 at 09:16 AM



“ *Betsy Van Heyde* ”

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM

GS

“ To all of Betsy's family, we send our sincere sympathy. We are Gretchen and Roger Shay of Newark Ohio. Betsy and I (Gretchen) have been friends since our days at St. Mary of the Springs. We have been out of town and just learned today of Betsy's passing. What sad news that our old friend is no longer there for a phone chat, but I'm sure she is happy in her new life!

We have many happy memories of Betsy and Jim, and of meeting Michael and Brendan as toddlers. Over the years Betsy and I kept in touch via phone and email, and followed the Van Heyde adventures. In March she told me all about baby Liv, and was so happy and proud.

I watched the video today and enjoyed all the pictures of Betsy with family and friends. Baby Liv is indeed adorable, and I am so glad that Betsy was able to spend time with her. I love the pictures of Betsy with Liv and I know that time was precious to her.

Please know that all of you in Betsy's extended family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love, Gretchen Shay

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**Gretchen Shay** - July 13, 2021 at 03:24 PM

MM

“ My deepest sympathies to Betsy's entire family. I sang in the choir at St. Clare of Montefalco Church in Grosse Pointe Park, MI with Betsy.

*Eternal rest grant to Betsy and Jim oh Lord.*

*Mary Ann McGrail  
Detroit*



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**Mary Ann McGrail** - June 22, 2021 at 06:09 PM

SP

“ I worked with Betsy for over 20 years at Signature Worldwide and it was a true pleasure! I loved her kindness, her intelligence, her quick wit, her loyalty, her great conversations and her ability to not take things too seriously!! It has been my honor to know Betsy and she will be missed. Peace to your family. Susan Palur

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**Susan Palur** - June 22, 2021 at 10:02 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betsy Van Heyde.



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June 20, 2021 at 01:54 PM

MV

“ Betsy sang with the Columbus Damenchor for many years and remains an Associate Member. I also would see her at many of the Ohio Dominican University's events. I was under the impression that she attended ODU when it was known as St. Mary of the Springs College, so we were fellow alumnae.

*I last saw Betsy in early December when I delivered the wreath that she bought from our Damenchor Christmas wreath/swag sale. Her condominium area was confusing with too similar names and winding streets. After talking back and forth on the phone, she said “Hang up and I’ll go stand in my driveway – you’ve passed by twice already”. There she was leaning on her walker, waving. I put the wreath in the house and waited as she returned up the driveway. She said ,”It might take ‘til Christmas before I get there, but I’ll get there.”*

*I will miss her wit. To the family - I am so sorry for your loss.  
Marilyn Valois, President, Columbus Damenchor,  
Ohio Dominican '96*

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**Marilyn Valois** - June 20, 2021 at 01:26 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Betsy Van Heyde.



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June 20, 2021 at 09:05 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Betsy Van Heyde.*



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June 19, 2021 at 08:33 PM



“ *Tom and Lee purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Betsy Van Heyde.*



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**Tom and Lee** - June 19, 2021 at 04:21 PM



“ *Michael & Brendan, you won't remember me, but I was among your parents' friends who watched the JULY 4th parades in front of your home in Upper Arlington for many years. Both were dear friends. We were in a Guitar Group of approx. 10, until I moved home to Louisiana. I visited frequently, and we always remained in touch. It had been many years since I was back in Columbus, though, so I was thrilled to see your Mom and Jeannine Wadsworth after they attended your wedding, Michael. They drove far out of their way to see me, as I had just moved to Lafayette from New Orleans. Although your Dad died several years ago, I've been friends with your parents for almost 50 years. Those memories are very special. Know that I cherish them, and am so grateful that I got to see your Mom following your wedding, Michael. I hold that especially dear. God bless the two of you.  
Bea Nugent, Lafayette, La.*

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**Bea L Nugent** - June 19, 2021 at 03:50 PM

JW

“ *Betsy and Jim were good friends of my brother, Tom Finneran. She will be missed at the Dominican Learning Center.*

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**Jo Anne Walter** - June 19, 2021 at 12:49 PM

CF

“ *Charles, Bobby & your OJO Product Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Betsy Van Heyde.*



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**Charles, Bobby & your OJO Product Family** - June 16, 2021 at 01:21 PM