



## Mary Ann Stoerkel

July 3, 1932 - March 21, 2025

Mary Ann Stoerkel, age 92, of Galena, Ohio, died on March 21, 2025, in her home with her family beside her. Born in Columbus, Ohio, on July 3, 1932, Mary Ann was the youngest of 7 children of Oscar and Estella Vera Rickly. Preceded in death by her husband, Thomas K. Stoerkel (Daddy Tom)—Mary Ann is survived by her children John Purcell (Jackie), Terri Albanese (Frank), Gary Purcell, Paula Bown, and Douglas Purcell (Jamie). She will be lovingly remembered by her children, 6 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren, as she leaves with them beautiful family memories of the magic of Christmas and the holiness of Easter. Her love of family and her faith carried her through the difficult times. As a young mother, she was a stay-at-home mom who tenderly and joyfully taught, encouraged and cared for her children. And, as an elderly mother, her life became complete when her grandchildren returned home to Columbus with their families— they were her joy. In her later years, she met and married Tom. Through Tom, she learned what it was like to be truly loved by a husband and share a life together. She loved taking road trips with Tom to visit the lighthouses on the Great Lakes and East Coast, to be warmed by the sun and gentle ocean breezes, and to look to heaven and gaze at the moon. She preferred a simple life— she excitedly anticipated college football season, baked amazing German Chocolate birthday cakes, was proud of our country, and honored those who served. As we say goodbye—May the Lighthouse guide you home. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 10:00 am, Saturday, April 26, at Worthington United Methodist Church. A private

service will follow at Otterbein Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Humane Society of Delaware County. <https://hsdcoho.org/donate/>

# Cemetery Details

## Otterbein Cemetery

175 S. Knox Street  
Westerville, OH 43081  
(614) 901-6741

# Previous Events

## Celebration Of Life Service

APR **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Worthington United Methodist Church  
600 High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mary Ann was a good friend and neighbor. Enjoyed talking to her. We had a lot in common with liking hot air balloons and light houses! She enjoyed coming to our condo for dinner. Will surely miss her!* ❤️

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**Judy and Ken Case** - April 21, 2025 at 09:24 AM