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SCHAEFER, Fredricka "Freddy" Ann (née Strader), age 92, of Kettering, passed away peacefully Thursday, March 7, 2024, surrounded by her family.

She was born June 15, 1931, in Moraine, Ohio, the daughter of Harvey F. and Estella M. Strader. When she was six years old, she moved to Southern Hills (Kettering) to attend Southern Hills Grade School and Fairmont High School. There, she met her future husband, Vern Schaefer. They graduated in 1949. Freddy then attended Miami Valley Hospital School of Nursing. She graduated in 1952 and received her RN.

Since student nurses could not be married, she and Vern chose to elope to Liberty, Indiana, on August 19, 1950. They kept it a secret from all but their parents until her graduation.

Freddy had a huge career change. In 1968, she began working at Wright Memorial Public Library in Oakwood, where she was there for 24 years. She began as chief cataloger and soon became assistant director. She retired in 1993.

Her interests included music and gardening, and she and Vern loved traveling. She LOVED cruises. She and Vern visited 42 states and 25 countries. She loved to sing and was the director of church choirs at both Southern Hill United Methodist and Aley United Methodist Church. She was also a Sunday School teacher and Youth Fellowship advisor. Freddy received her Master Gardener certificate from the State of Ohio in May 1997. She loved flower arranging and had a beautiful garden that was chosen twice to be a part of the Wegerzyn Garden tours. She won many blue ribbons at the fairs and other flower shows.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harvey F. and Estella M. Strader, and son-in-law, Thomas "Tom" Robert Fridley. She is survived by her loving husband of 73 years, Leo Vernon "Vern" Schaefer; two daughters, Katharine "Kathy" E. Schaefer and Sarah "Sally" Schaefer Fridley; one grandson and his wife, Shaun and Meghan Fridley; and very faithful dog companion, Izzy.



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Funeral services will be held at 1 PM. Saturday, March 16, at Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home in Waynesville. Raymond A. Merz and Dr. Caitlin Deyerk will be officiating the service. Burial will be in Aley United Methodist Church Cemetery (also known as the Aley Chapel Cemetery) in Beavercreek. The family will receive friends from 11 AM to 1 PM on Saturday, March 16, at Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home. If desired, contributions may be made to Ohio's Hospice of Dayton. Condolences at www.stubbsconner.com.



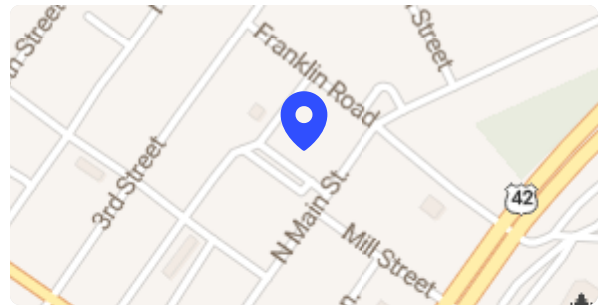
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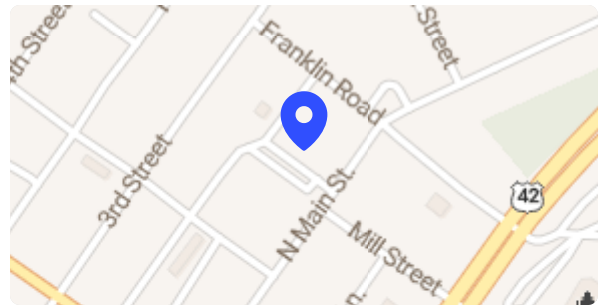
The Family Will Receive Friends

- Saturday**, March 16, 2024
- 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM ET
- Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home**
185 N Main Street, Waynesville OH 45068



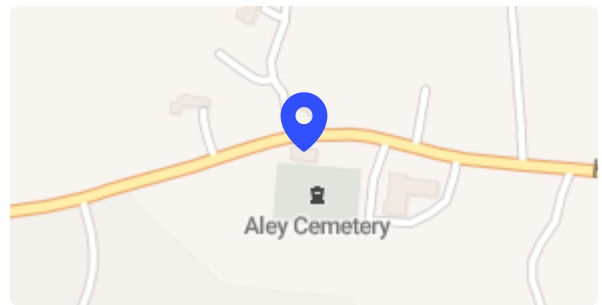
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Cemetery Details

- Aley United Methodist Church Cemetery**
4159 Kemp Rd, Beaver Creek OH 45431





Tribute Wall

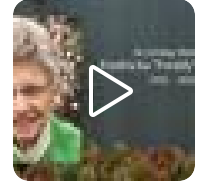
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Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home shared a **Video**.

April 13 at 4:32 PM



Tracey lit a candle in honor of Fredricka "Freddy".

March 15 at 6:08 AM



TR **Tracey** March 15 at 6:09 AM
Always enjoyed our lunches in the garden 😊



Della M Wyatt posted:

Dear Vern, Sally, Kathy and family, So saddened to hear of the loss of Freddy. I only knew her for a few years. She was always happy and had such wonderful stories to tell. You both made me feel welcome at gatherings with your long time group. I can only wish peace and comfort during this sad time. Della Wyatt

March 10 at 7:37 AM



Cindy Houseman lit a candle in honor of Fredricka "Freddy".

Sally - So very sorry for your loss. Continued prayers for you and your family.

March 9 at 2:03 PM





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Richa Stevens posted:

Freddy was a wonderful neighbor and delighted all of us with her gardening skills and yard landscaping. Her pond was a source of much amusement as raccoons kept eating her fish. When she was younger she would host neighborhood dinners in her delightful garden house. I loved her stories about growing up in the neighborhood and her escapades and cruises. One of my favorite was the story of how she convinced Vern to cram a huge!, ornate downspout in their vehicle because she wanted it for their house. And then her big flower urn was taken by thieves. She bought a second one and bolted it down. Those thieves were not going to get her second urn!!We will miss her. She was a dear lady, Christian and friend. Richa and Dan Stevens (2 houses down)

March 9 at 10:48 AM



Di Miller lit a candle in honor of Fredricka "Freddy".



March 9 at 9:17 AM



Di Miller March 9 at 9:19 AM

Sally and family, we are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. With love, Ed and Di



Ellen Campbell lit a candle in honor of Fredricka "Freddy".



March 9 at 6:44 AM



Ellen Campbell March 9 at 6:46 AM

My sincerest condolences



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Join us in honoring Fredricka "Freddy" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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