



## Bonnie Eddy

January 28, 1935 - December 21, 2016

Bonnie Mansfield Eddy, 81, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at CHP Inpatient Hospice in Defiance, Ohio. She was born January 28, 1935 to the late Zola and Britton Mansfield at their farm home south of Defiance, Ohio. She had two sisters; Wilma (Robert) Hubbell, deceased, and Nancy (Don) Sanderson. She attended the Ayersville School until sixth grade when the family moved to Ada, Ohio. She was active in many school activities and graduated as valedictorian. She was inducted into the Ada Alumni Hall of Honor in 2009.

She is survived by her devoted husband, John, of 64 years; children Cynthia Eddy (Mark Radtke) of W. Harrison, Indiana, Constance (Brad) Holzworth of Dublin, Ohio, and John Paul (Julie) Eddy of Toledo, Ohio. She was grandmother to Lena, Britton, and Jonathan Holzworth, and Elizabeth and Victoria Eddy. They moved to Kenton, Ohio after John served his time in the US Marine Corps and Korea. They later moved to Napoleon, Ohio.

Bonnie was an active member in the United Methodist churches in both cities. She sang, directed choirs, and played piano and organ. She also sang with the Toledo Choral Society and the Defiance College Chorus.

She received her 1968 B.S. in Education cum laude and 1975 Master of Education degrees at Bowling Green State University (BGSU). She was a teacher and administrator in Napoleon. She organized the first Camp Palmer week for sixth graders in 1975. She served on the schools boards for Napoleon Area Schools (24 years) and Four-County Career Center (18

years). She became the 1993 - 1994 president of the Ohio Schools Boards Association and a Ohio Delegate to the Napoleon School Boards Association. In 1991, Bonnie became a breast cancer survivor. She worked several years for the American Cancer Society (ACS) and organized the first Henry County (HC) Relay for Life in 1995. After retiring from ACS, she became a volunteer for many organizations and events. These included the HC Retired Teachers, HC Hospital Auxiliary, HC Director Fair Flower Show, HC Senior Center Trustee, HC United Way's "Coming Alive", ACS Reach to Recovery Trainer, Florida Arbor Gleaners, and the HC Historical Society.

Other interests included writing published poetry, reading, and traveling. Gardening was the passion that led her to become a Master Gardener. She was a member of the Harrison Garden Club, Ohio Association of Garden Clubs (OAGC), Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society, American Rose Society, and the American Hosta Society (AHS). She was a certified flower show judge for both OAGC and AHS. She also was a judge for 4-H gardening and creative writing projects.

A memorial service will be held at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Napoleon on Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. with Pastor Chad Roper officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church, Henry County Retired Teachers Association, Henry County American Cancer Society, or the charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be made at [www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 27. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Paul United Methodist Church  
Napoleon

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ Bonnie was our neighbor when we lived in Napoleon, a member of our church Seekers' Class, a teacher of one of our sons, but most of all, a friend. She was respected and admired for her work and her dedication to the community, especially in the field of education. Herb and I are grateful that she was a part of our lives. Our condolences to John and Bonnie's family for their great loss. Sylvia and Herb Salsbury

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**Sylvia Salsbury** - December 28, 2016 at 03:19 PM

CO

“ To the family of Bonnie, I regret that I will be unable to attend the service for Bonnie Tuesday. My condolences to all of you. I enjoyed being a Four County board member for many years with her. She showed some of us younger, less experienced ones how to conduct ourselves during tough situations. Her passion for teaching and learning was always crystal clear. I hope when my days of being a school board member end, I'll have made an impact like she did. God Bless you during your time of loss. Christine Oberlin, Defiance City Schools

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**Chris Oberlin** - December 26, 2016 at 03:43 PM

JO

“ On the first Sunday of Advent this year, Bonnie came to Kerry Clark'St concert at Christmas UM. We sat together and had a nice visit. Bonnie sang many Christmas songs that day, and I will always think of her when I hear "O, Holy Night. " Her music was a blessing to all who heard.

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**Jerri Osborn** - December 26, 2016 at 01:47 PM

BL

“ John, and family, to you may God's grace and comfort be present in your time of loss. I have many memories of Bonnie as I was a school board member with her for 13 years, which included the school strike, and I had many visits with her at my office. Bonnie taught me and others how to be a better board member, and more importantly a better person. She showed her faith in ways that she may not even have been aware of. My prayer for your family is that you will remember your good memories in this time of loss. May God's comfort be with you all. Bob Limbird

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**Bob Limbird** - December 26, 2016 at 07:11 AM

GS

“ Bonnie's passion for her gardens brought her neighbors much beauty, season by season, to enjoy! We will miss her. John and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. May the God of All Comfort keep you in His tender care and give you His strength and peace.

Gene and Cathy Short  
Daytona Beach Shores, Florida

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**Gene and Cathy Short** - December 24, 2016 at 12:28 PM

CB

“ We have such wonderful memories of the years we were your friends and neighbors in Kenton. Not only was Bonnie a wonderful asset to the community but also a loving caring wife and mother. She will be missed by all of us. God bless you.

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**Cliff and Joyce Biddinger** - December 24, 2016 at 11:09 AM

KB

“ I partnered with Bonnie on the BGSU College of Education Council and on the Four County Vocational School Board. We attended state and national board conferences together. She was always a pleasure to be around. She contributed so much leadership and followship. We were all better for having served with her. I enjoyed finding her judging flower shows. I shall miss her, but her memory will warm my heart forever. Glod Bless her. Ken Beck, Montpelier

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**Ken Beck** - December 24, 2016 at 07:29 AM

SE

“ So sorry to hear the news. Prayers to John and the family. Bonnie was one of my favorite school board members, a tireless advocate for the students and staff in her district and public education in general. Always enjoyed working with her first as a National School Public Relations Association member then as an Ohio School Boards Association leader.

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**Scott Ebright** - December 23, 2016 at 09:55 PM

CL

“ We are so sorry to hear of Bonnie's passing. She will be greatly missed. She was a light to the world and did so many great things to improve others lives. A wonderful caring teacher and leader to us all words cannot say what she meant to so many.  
Carol and Bud Leonard

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**Carol Leonard** - December 23, 2016 at 06:28 PM

PG

“ *Bonnie was a great lady whose timeless contributions to education were many. As a retired OSBA employee, I admired her dedication to making certain all children received the best education possible. She will be greatly missed but be rembered for her many accomplishments. Rest in peace, Bonnie. My prayers are with each of you.*

*Pat Gossett, Retired OSBA employee*

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**Pat Gossett** - December 23, 2016 at 05:54 PM

NW

“ *My husband, Mike Westbay, and I served as pastor and pastor's spouse at St. Paul UMC from 1996 until 2005. Bonnie was a joy to work with in the church. Always good ideas and wonderful music. I enjoyed working with Bonnie decorating the altar and front of the sanctuary on special occasions such as Christmas and Easter. I also took the Master Gardeners classes with her in 2002. We had good times together. Pastor Mike and Bonnie worked well together, and according to him she made his ministry at St. Paul very joyful and fulfilling. He feels he became a better pastor because of working with Bonnie.*

*We will always have very fond memories of Bonnie and the good times we had together.*

*With much love and sympathy to the Eddy family. God bless.*

*Pastor Mike and Nancy*

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**Nancy Westbay** - December 23, 2016 at 12:50 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bonnie Eddy.* ”



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December 23, 2016 at 09:04 AM