



Lou Ann Weaner

August 31, 1934 - January 12, 2026

Lou Ann (Marsh) Weaner, 91, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away January 12, 2026 in Sylvania, Ohio. She was born August 31, 1934 in Defiance Ohio to Howard and Aleta Marsh who preceded her in death. She was a 1952 graduate of Defiance High School.

Lou Ann married Paul J. Weaner of Sherwood, Ohio, on April 27, 1957; he preceded her in death in 2017. She is survived by two sons: Mike and his wife, Constance of Sylvania and Philip of Lakeland, FL and five grandchildren, Paul, Jessica, Jacqueline, Jacob and Travis.

Growing up in Defiance, she fondly remembered all her childhood friends and the fun they had from bonfires & skating on the frozen Maumee River, to buying 12 hamburgers for \$1 at Miller's Hamburger Shop.

She and her parents would spend summers at their Sylvan Lake cottage. Her father, a conductor on the B&O railroad, would take the summers off and the family lived at their Rome City, IN lake home until it was time for school to start after Labor Day weekend. She also loved the trips she took to Chicago with her dad on the train, where he would "show her the town" and they would go to a Cubs or White Sox game.

Until her senior year at Defiance High School, she baby-sat and worked at the

toy counter at FW Woolworth. In the fall of 1951, she took a typing test for attorney Erv Clemens and was hired as a senior in high school. She took high school classes in the mornings and worked for Clemens in the afternoons until she graduated fifth in her class. She then worked full-time as Clemens' bookkeeper and office manager, and part-time from 1962-1971.

She met her husband Paul in 1955 at a KofC dance in Defiance. She enjoyed being part of his large family (Paul had eleven older brothers and sisters) as she was an only child. She made her own wedding dress (she learned sewing from her mother) and started a family in 1962 after Paul started teaching and coaching in 1961 at Ridgeville High School.

In 1975, she started working part-time as a rural letter carrier for the Napoleon Post Office, then worked full-time delivering Rural Route 1 mail until she retired in 1991.

Lou Ann was a terrific cook and listener and was always available to help with those last-minute school projects. She also volunteered in the schools as a Room Mother, Cub Scout Den Mother, and was also involved in the local CCL (Child Conservation League). She was highly organized and planned the family's annual two-week summer vacations. Lou Ann was a member of St Paul United Methodist Church in Napoleon.

In retirement, she enjoyed being a grandma, attending her DHS class reunions, traveling, the condo ladies' luncheons, being a snowbird in Nokomis, FL and socializing with everyone at the weekly Henry County snowbird breakfasts. The family also thanks all her friends who 'showered' her with cards to celebrate her 90th birthday in 2024.

Lou Ann wouldn't ask for flowers, but if some purple ones appeared, she'd surely be smiling from above. In lieu of purple flowers, memorials can be

made to St Jude Children's Hospital or Hospice of NW Ohio in her name.
Visitation will be held at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral home, Napoleon on
Friday, January 23, 2026 from 10:00 AM until the time of services at 1:00 PM.
Interment at Riverside Cemetery in Defiance to follow immediately after.
Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at
rodenbergergray.com.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1417 S Clinton Street
Defiance, OH 43512

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 23. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Funeral Service

JAN 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

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1010 Westmoreland Avenue
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Tribute Wall

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“ I just learned of her passing today March 19th. She was a pillar of our congregation and I truly missed seeing her when it became more difficult for her to attend. I love how she loved the old hymns and the traditions that we all grew up with. She will be fondly remembered. My prayers are with you always

Pam Fauver - March 19 at 02:22 PM



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Rodenberger Funeral Home - January 29 at 10:08 AM

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“ We lived on the Maumee River, Napoleon. I loved going with them for rides in my Father's small fishing boat, often to Gerry's island. My Father Robert, was Paul's Brother. Sending love to family.

Paula Weaner Swink - January 17 at 04:54 PM