



Peggy Ann Arroyo

January 24, 1943 - February 9, 2026

Arroyo, Peggy Ann (Hefflinger) age 83, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away Monday, February 9, 2026 at the Cleveland clinic awaiting a valve replacement. She was born January 24, 1943 in Napoleon, Ohio to Mary Virginia (Tobias) and Donald D Hefflinger. She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister Kathleen Bennett, a sister Laura Lou "Lou" Kryder. and an infant sister who died at birth. She is survived by her husband of 25 years Chico Arroyo of Napoleon, a daughter, Jennifer Lynn (Hartzell) Werner of Napoleon, a son, Toby Hartzell, and his wife Terri of Dayton, Ohio, stepson, Casey Arroyo, and his wife, Gina of Mentor, Ohio, and stepdaughter Monica Arroyo of Edwardsburg, MI. She is also survived by grandchildren Callie Werner, Regina Werner, Sarah Hartzell, Natalie Hartzell, Anthony Arroyo, Alex Arroyo, Riley Arroyo-Wileman and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many friends.

Peggy was a talented musician at an early age, with a particular talent for singing and playing the piano. She was the first "Tomato Queen" and also competed in the Miss Ohio Pageant as Miss Northwest Ohio taking first runner up. She continued to use those talents most of her life. She sang and played piano professionally in the musical trio "The Deserters," where she met the love of her life, Chico, during a time when live bands at events were the rule and not the exception. She learned to play the organ for church when the church she was attending had no music for its services. She was an organist for St Mary's in Holgate, then many years at St Augustine in Napoleon, and in

her later years also at St Paul United Methodist Church in Napoleon. She had previously served as a Harrison Township trustee. However, she was probably best known as a Napoleon City School bus driver for over 35 years. She was "bus driver" to thousands of kids over the years. She enjoyed watching the kids grow up and drove long enough to even haul some of their children. To this day, her closest friends are some of the ladies that she drove school bus with.

She was a doting wife, a wonderful mother, an amazing cook, and was the type of person that was constantly doing things for others. She greeted everybody with a smile and a positive comment and had a laugh that could be heard across the room. Like most moms she was the glue that held the family together, making sure we always had a place to gather and food and laughter to share. We will feel her absence for the rest of our natural lives.

The family will receive friends from 2-6 pm on Sunday, February 15, 2026 at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, 1010 Westmoreland Ave, Napoleon Ohio 43545. A mass of Christian burial will be held on Monday, February 16, 2026 at 10:30 am at Saint Augustine Catholic Church, 210 E. Clinton St., Napoleon, OH 43545. Burial will follow at Hoy cemetery.

Goodnight Mom. We love you!

Cemetery Details

Hoy Cemetery

St. Rt. 109
Napoleon, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **15**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Mass

FEB **16**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Augustine Catholic Church
726 Monroe St.
NAPOLEON, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

WW

“ *Chico Jennifer and Toby
We are so sorry for your loss Peggy is such a Sweet person. She added so much to our Church service every Sunday playing the organ. Gods Blessings. Will and Pat*

will and Pat Wagner - February 16 at 01:51 AM

KT

“ *Prayers and comfort to Chico, their children and families. She was so musically talented but I'll remember her more for her beautiful smile and laughter. Gods loving arms around you all and the days ahead.*

Kelly Tobias - February 15 at 10:18 AM

JS

“ *Please accept our deepest condolences Chico and family. So very sorry. May she enjoy peacefulness in God's arms!
Sincerely, Jan and John Stover*

Jan Stover - February 14 at 12:55 PM

 Linda Gerken

“ *We were sorry to hear of Peggy's passing. Our sympathy to her family. Enjoyed her music and my conversations after church at St. Paul's Methodist church with her. Brad and Linda Gerken*

Linda Gerken - February 13 at 10:27 PM

MG

“ MET Manufacturing Group purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Peggy Ann Arroyo.



MET Manufacturing Group - February 13 at 09:27 AM

KM

“ In addition to being a neighbor just down the road from us, Peggy was our bus driver for many years. Prayers for the whole family.
Karen Bortz Mosley

Karen Mosley - February 13 at 09:11 AM

BF

“ Rest in Peace Peggy, Give my Auntie Boo a hug for me please.



Bonnie Floro - February 12 at 09:30 PM

CR

“ Jennifer, we are very sorry for your loss. I remember how proud your mom was when you became a CRNA and began working in Defiance. I enjoyed our time together when I was working as an RN in the OR at Defiance. Jim knew your mom from being a bus driver both at Napoleon and at FCCC. She and Jim would often go on trips together that required two buses for the FC students. Jim and Chris Rettig

Christine Rettig - February 12 at 01:33 PM

CA

“ Jennifer, Toby, Chico, and families,
So very sorry to see this sad news. I
remember Tom, Peggy, and Junior had a lot
of laughs and good times driving school bus
at the old Florida School. Got in trouble
sometimes with Mrs. Eddy. Lol. What fond memories of Tom's
stories he often shared! We always loved your mom! Sorry, I can't
make it to the visitation or funeral, but know my heart is there with
you all! Hugs!



Carol Agler - February 12 at 09:01 AM

ST

“ Peggy was beautiful, inside and out. My sincere condolences to
Chico and family. Now she will play and sing her music in heaven.
Sue Tobias.

Sue Tobias - February 12 at 12:30 AM

SW

“ Shayne and Karen Watson purchased the Divine
Peace Bouquet for the family of Peggy Ann
Arroyo.



Shayne and Karen Watson - February 11 at 11:15 PM

YM

“ Your CRNA friends Kevin, Karen & Marisa purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Peggy Ann Arroyo.



Your CRNA friends Kevin, Karen & Marisa - February 11 at 09:56 PM

JP

“ Peggy you will be missed by many, I remember when you and Chico live in the old school house by my dad and momma Sheri then I found out you were momma Sheri's cousin, I always enjoyed the time we spent chatting on old bus number 6 you were my favorite bus driver when I was growing up, may God hold Chico and your family in his arms during these days, weeks, and years to come, until we meet again Peggy I will miss seeing you from time to time at walmart.



Jeremy Plotts - February 11 at 09:03 PM

RT

I miss you badly cousin, so sorry I won't be there for your final mass! So sorry Chico!!




Richard TOBIAS - February 12 at 10:19 PM

RC

I attend St. Paul's and have enjoyed her music over the years. We miss her already. My condolences to you her family.

Rose Marie Cole - February 13 at 08:47 AM

JG

Pretty Peggy! I always admired your beauty and kindness not to mention the talents you were gifted by God! You never met a stranger and if you did it wasn't for long! Your gift of gab was a true gift of  love! My prayers to Chico, Toby and your family! So proud Toby doing your funeral service-a tough but worthy job-he will do great!! Blessings to you all during this difficult time!! Many hugs   Jerrie Gray

Jerrie Gray - February 13 at 10:14 AM