



## Patricia "Patty" R. Barnes

March 2, 1933 - March 15, 2025

Patricia Ruth (Cooper) Barnes, age 92, of Zanesville, passed away at 12:10 A.M. Saturday, March 15, 2025 at Genesis Morrison Hospice House. Patty was born on Thursday, March 2, 1933 in Zanesville, OH. The first of seven children born to Herbert and Rose (Mattey) Cooper. Patty was a lifelong member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church and was in the 1st Graduating class of Bishop Rosecrans High School in 1951.

After graduation Patty met her future husband Bernard Barnes on a blind date. They were married on May 31, 1954 at St. Nicholas Catholic Church. Together they started a life that took them from Zanesville, to Barnesville, to Lima and eventually back to Zanesville. Along the way they welcomed seven children to their family: Vicki, Jeff, Erin, Betsy, Mary, Jennifer and Diane.

Patty is survived by son Jeffrey (Bonnie) Barnes of Findlay, OH, daughters Erin (John) O'Brien of Lima, OH, Betsy (Doug) Merry, Mary Lisa Cronin Peadon, Jennifer (George) Bates and Diane (Mark Lincicome) Hoffer all of Zanesville and Son-In-Law Dennis Michel of Zanesville.

In addition to her children Patty is survived by the following Grandchildren and Step-Grandchildren: Patrick (Bonnie), Brian (Shanon), Becky, Scott (Kari), Steve (Jackie), Sean (Megan), Michael (Dawn), Emily (Al), Katie, Kyle (Bria), Christopher (Katie), Julie (Ben), Jimmy, Jake, Michelle, Trisha (Anthony),

Rachel, Adam, Aubrey (Mark), Lauren (Brandon), Shelby (Zac), Katie (Matt), Kerrie (Tony), Melissa (Keith), Megan (Jake), Ashley (Phil), Nicholas and 54 Great Grandchildren and #55 due in August.

Patty is also survived by her siblings Rosemary Minear of NJ, Tom (Sue) Cooper of SC, Sarah (Sally) Ebersbach of Zanesville and Mike (Kathy) Cooper of NC. Also surviving are many loved nieces, nephews and extended family.

Patty devoted her life to raising her large loving family. She was the true Matriarch; always planning and looking forward to the next family celebration. Over her lifetime she found much joy in sewing, reading, cooking, baking and remembering every family member with a "mailed" birthday card which included well over 100 loved ones. Patty's ability to recall dates and events with phenomenal accuracy was legendary. She was the true Genealogist of her family.

Patty worked for the Board of Education Office of the Zanesville City Schools for over 20 years. She also was a fifty year member of the Beta Sigma Phi Social Sorority. Through her work place and sorority she made lifelong friends which she cherished.

Patty could be seen supporting any activity a loved one participated in. She was her family's #1 fan and will be fondly remembered as PB33.

In addition to her parents, Patty was preceded in death by her husband Bernie who died on Mar. 27, 1995, her daughter Vicki Michel who died on Feb. 1, 2025, her Grandson Joseph Barnes who died May 1, 2016, her sister Carol Smith, her brother Jerry Cooper, as well as numerous sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

Family and friends may call on Friday, March 21, 2025, from 4:00-8:00 P.M. at

Hillis Combs and Nestor Funeral Home in Zanesville, OH where a Parish Vigil will be held at 7:45. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 A.M. Saturday, March 22, 2025 at St. Nicholas Catholic Church with Fr. Brian Beal as celebrant. Patty will be laid to rest at Mt. Olive Cemetery next to her loving husband. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Patty's memory to the St. Nicholas Church, The American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692 or the Bright Focus Foundation: Macular Degeneration Research, 22512 Gateway Center Drive, Clarksburg, MD 20871.

Patty's "Bright Light" will live on through all the lives she touched during her 92 years on earth. Dearest Mom, we will miss you and love you forever. To sign the online guestbook or leave a personal note of condolence please visit [www.hilliscombsnestor.com](http://www.hilliscombsnestor.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olive Cemetery

2057 East Pike  
ZANESVILLE, OH 43701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 21. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home  
935 Forest Avenue  
Zanesville, OH 43701  
(740) 452-5494  
directors@hilliscombsnestor.com  
<https://www.hilliscombsnestor.com>

## Prayer Vigil

MAR 21. 7:45 PM (ET)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

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MAR **22** (ET)

St. Nicholas Catholic Church  
925 Main St.  
Zanesville, OH

# Tribute Wall

LM

“ *Many happy memories of Grandma Barnes, her etiquette, wisdom and delicious food, egg dying feast for Easter and games of 21 will always be cherished - condolences to her beautiful children, grand children, and my own sons and other great grands. Be happy in heaven now Patty with Vicki and Bernie*

Lindsay Michel - March 22, 2025 at 12:01 PM

BF

“ *Barb, Bob, Joel and Rachel Friedman purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Patricia "Patty" R. Barnes.*



Barb, Bob, Joel and Rachel Friedman - March 21, 2025 at 02:02 PM

MH

“ *Jennifer and family, we're deeply sorry for the heartbreaking loss of your beloved mother. You all have our sympathy and condolences during this difficult time. May your treasured memories bring you comfort and peace.* 🙏🙏  
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Melody & Craig Hill - March 21, 2025 at 02:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patricia "Patty" R. Barnes.*



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March 20, 2025 at 11:58 PM



“ *Tom, Sally and Mike so sorry for your loss. No matter how long we have them it is never long enough. The family is in my thoughts and prayers*

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**Tam Bowman** - March 19, 2025 at 02:29 PM



“ *With Love, The Hessler-Hail Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Patricia "Patty" R. Barnes.*



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**With Love, The Hessler-Hail Family** - March 18, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ *I met Patty through Beta Sigma Phi and have known her all those years, a wonderful person, friend and sorority sister. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

*Maybelle Dickerson*

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**Maybelle Dickerson** - March 18, 2025 at 12:59 PM

SJ

“ Mary and the rest of your gang! So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. But I must say she lived her life for family. I met your mother many years ago when she worked the polls out here on the East pike. I can tell you that when I told her I worked with you that she beamed with pride. Just talking with her you knew her family was important. I am happy you all were able to spend many years with her. Know that you and all the family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Sharon Jacobs** - March 18, 2025 at 12:58 PM

SJ

*Should say beamed not blamed*

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**Sharon Jacobs** - March 18, 2025 at 01:02 PM

AB

“ Jeff, Erin, Betsy, Mary Lisa, Jennifer, Diane and families I am so very sorry for your loss. Aunt Patty was a kind and wonderful woman and will be greatly missed. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Love all of you.

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**Amy Jo Barnes** - March 18, 2025 at 04:02 AM

MD

“ From the moment I met Mrs. Barnes a little more than 20 years ago I felt an instant fondness for her. She was filled with a social grace and kindness that made you want to call her a friend. She was a dear person and she will surely be missed. Our sincere sympathy to her family.

*Maureen and Larry Dennis*

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**Maureen Dennis** - March 17, 2025 at 08:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patricia "Patty" R. Barnes.

March 17, 2025 at 06:29 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia "Patty" R. Barnes.



March 17, 2025 at 06:29 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia "Patty" R. Barnes.



March 17, 2025 at 03:34 PM



“ Follow the River Enviromental purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Patricia "Patty" R. Barnes.



**Follow the River Enviromental** - March 17, 2025 at 10:48 AM