



## Wanema "Ann" A. Eppley

September 4, 1942 - January 21, 2026

Wanema Ann Eppley, 83, better known as Ann, of Blacklick, formerly of Zanesville, died 10:33 AM, Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at Riverside Methodist Hospital. She was born Friday, September 4, 1942, in Norwich, the daughter of George Henry Ross and Juanita Rosamond (Butler) Ross. She married Marvin Lee Eppley on Saturday, August 15, 1964, and was Methodist by Faith.

Ann never wanted to be anything but a nurse. In 1960, she entered nurses training at the Bethesda Hospital School of Nursing. She embarked on a career that she loved and would forever impact how she approached life. She worked her sole career at Bethesda Hospital and then Genesis Hospital until her retirement in 2007, following 44 years of dedicated service.

Ann was a nurse 24/7 forever ministering to her family, friends, neighbors and anyone who asked for her advice or assistance. She was a member of Zanesville Daybreak Rotary, Gus Macker Steering Committee, where she was Chair for the Gus Macker Medical Tent. Ann was Co-Chair for the Muskingum County Fair Medical Coverage, and served on the Muskingum Board of Health. She was recipient of the Women of Achievement Award.

Ann is survived by one son, Marvin Lee Eppley, II; her daughter, Michonne Lynnette Eppley; one brother, George Vinton Ross and his wife, Victoria Irene

Lancaster Ross; her loving nieces and nephews and other relatives; including special friends, Don & Karen Green (Traveling Buddies) and Tedd Murphy; her feline friends, Colby and Copper.

In addition to her parents, Ann was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Lee Eppley; one sister, Gusta Lake Prouty; several brothers-in-law and nieces, Colleen Snyder, Sara Smith, and Christine Maxwell.

Friends may call from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at the Hillis Combs Funeral Home 935 Forest Avenue Zanesville, where the Mid East Ohio Nurses Honor Guard will conduct services at 1:00 PM. Funeral Services will follow with Rev. Keith Taylor officiating. Burial will conclude in the Zanesville Memorial Park Zanesville. To sign the online register book or to send a personal condolence note please visit [www.hilliscombsfh.com](http://www.hilliscombsfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Zanesville Memorial Park

1475 Military Road  
Zanesville, OH 43701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 17. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home  
935 Forest Avenue  
Zanesville, OH 43701  
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## Memorial Service

FEB 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wanema "Ann" A. Eppley.*



February 16 at 02:14 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Wanema "Ann" A. Eppley.*



February 16 at 11:16 AM



“ *To the Eppley and Ross families, sorry to see the passing of Ann. Your families are in our prayers. God will have a plan for Ann when she arrives in Heaven. The County lost a grand lady. Maybe they will have a Gus Macker Tournament for Angels. God Bless. Randy Lincicome Grove City, Ohio.*



**Randy and Joyce Lincicome, Grove City, O** - February 13 at 10:30 AM

JB

“ To Ann’s family  
Sending condolences and prayers. My sister  
Judy Bradshaw Moody, was also a graduate  
of the Bethesda School of Nursing and  
worked at Bethesda/Genesis until her death. I  
remember Ann’s name spoken forever by my sister, always great  
friends and co-workers giving their all to help others.



jan Bradshaw - February 13 at 06:13 AM

VM

“ So sorry to hear of Ann’s death. I always enjoyed working with Ann  
while I was working the Emergency Department at Bethesda  
Hospital and Genesis. She was very good at her job and a friend  
after I was no longer at the hospital. My condolences to her family  
as I am in Florida and unable to to attend her funeral.

Vicki Whitacre, M.D. - February 12 at 09:00 PM

TK

“ God Bless the Eppley family Ann was a good caring person.  
TomKendrick

tom kendrick - February 12 at 07:51 PM

BS

Barbara and I were saddened to hear of Ann's passing. In my turn as  
head of Outpatient Surgery and Anesthesia, Ann and I worked together  
on many hospital committees and the challenge of passing Joint  
Commission. Ann was a strong and bright woman whose natural  
leadership made meeting needs and accomplishing goals easier  
because she could connect with many and spoke to everyone. She  
was a kind and beautiful person with a strong moral code. Ann worked  
tirelessly for the betterment of the workplace and the community and  
her efforts will live on. We express our deepest sympathies to Ann's  
family as we are in Florida and will be unable to attend her service.  
Dr. David Sr and Barbara Stainbrook

Barbara Stainbrook - February 15 at 03:59 PM



*I am saddened to learn of Ann's passing. Ann and my deceased wife (Billie "Browning" Tender 2020) were nursing students together at Bethesda School of Nursing. I grew to know Ann through many social events. She was a kind and welcoming person who will be missed.*

*Fritz Tender*

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**Fritz Tender** - February 16 at 06:05 PM