



Ann J. Waters

March 13, 1938 - February 1, 2026

Ann J. Waters, 87, a longtime Lake County, Ohio resident, passed away peacefully on February 1, 2026, at The Preserve Senior Living at Mentor Ridge in Mentor, Ohio. Ann suffered from and succumbed to her dementia. She was born on March 13, 1938, in Springfield, Massachusetts to the late James and Carla Neylon. She was a Euclid High School graduate.

Ann and her husband Joe owned and operated the Mulberry Bush in Perry, Ohio for many years. She truly loved helping others make their homes beautiful and forged everlasting friendships with each and every one of them. She loved them all and truly enjoyed when everyone was all together. Nothing made Ann happier than being the host. She loved to entertain with an elaborate menu and decor or simply with a homemade bowl of soup and freshly made bread. No matter the menu, she was a wonderful cook and enjoyed sharing and spending time together with the ones she loved. Her favorite pastimes were gardening, bird watching, reading, traveling, sailing, golfing and the warmth of a sunny day. She was intelligent, feisty, quick-witted and set high standards for everyone. She will be truly missed beyond measure. Even though she is gone, her impact on our lives will remain with us forever.

Survivors include her daughter, Constance Brodack; grandchildren, Johnathon Brodack and Jason and Caitlin Waters; great grandchild, Elizabeth; brothers,

Eric (Kathy) Neylon and Bruce (Myra) Neylon; brother-in-law, Eugene Gazda; and her dear friend and longtime caregiver, Debora Quirk.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Waters; son, Gregory Waters; granddaughter, Catherine Brodack; her brother, Christopher Neylon; and her sisters, Jean Neylon and Lynn Gazda.

Private family inurnment was held at the Mentor Cemetery.

We are forever grateful for the compassionate and loving care Ann received from the kind and devoted caregivers at The Preserve at Mentor Ridge and Hospice of the Western Reserve Navigation Team. Their unconditional and constant support has been a true source of comfort.

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

In lieu of flowers, monetary donations or donations of time and support may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, in hope that one day there will be a cure.

Please visit www.brunners.com for updates on the date and time of the graveside services and to also offer condolences and share memories.

Cemetery Details

Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Rd.
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 974-5733

Tribute Wall

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“ I was deeply saddened to hear about the loss of your beloved mother. My heart goes out to you and your family during this incredibly difficult time. I always appreciated Ann’s decorating talent and friendship. With us moving every 5 years we kept her busy, and she was always glad to help make our house perfect for us. As I look around my house I see many things from the Mulberry Bush, my favorite place to shop. Ann always had a smile of greeting and would stop her work to help me find exactly what I was looking for.

Over the many years we became good friends and I enjoyed spending time with her after the Mulberry closed. You’re right , she was the best in entertaining and her Christmas decorations were gorgeous. Special trees in different theme’s, her Buyers Choice Caroler’s were such fun to see. I remember the many orchids she enjoyed having in her sunroom, her beautiful garden outside. She spent many hours out in that garden where everything was perfectly cared for. I won’t ever forget Ann. ❤️

Linda Knapp - February 09 at 08:48 PM

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“ May Family lit a candle in memory of Ann J. Waters



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