



Jill Householder

October 25, 1949 - March 1, 2026

Jill Householder, 76, of Painesville passed away on March 1, 2026, at Grand River Health and Rehabilitation. She was born on October 25, 1949, in Cleveland, Ohio to William and the late Rose DeCapite.

Jill graduated from Kent State University in 1971 and earned an Industrial Engineer certificate from Lakeland Community College. She retired after 37 years at Avery Dennison, where her most extensive work was as a specification coordinator. Together with her husband, Jill spent her life in service, volunteering at the VA Hospital, Lake County Historical Society, Lake Park System, and Junior Achievement. Visitors can see the “Householder General Store” at the Lake County History Center, donated to and supported by Jill and George, which is used as part of their educational Pioneer School, serving as an interactive 1800s-style experience for children to learn about, barter, and explore.

She joined the VFW Auxiliary in 1986 after a trip to Washington, DC, with Willoughby Hills 4358. She served as Auxiliary Junior Vice, Secretary, Senior Vice (two years), President (four years), Trustee, Secretary-Treasurer (10 years), and Junior Unit Chairman. She served as Lake-Geauga County Council President, then as Secretary. She served as District 7 President for three years and as Secretary for 10 years. Additionally, she served as Department Junior Unit Chairman, as well as Chairman of Buddy Poppy,

Scholarship Chairman, Youth Chairman, VFW National Home and Hospital Chairman, and VAVS Representative.

For her dedicated work with and countless contributions to veterans, she was recognized by the VFW in 2025 with the James Romanis Award, which honors exemplary service and mentorship on behalf of veterans.

Survivors include her father, William; sister, Fran (Joe Sosnowski) DeCapite; sister-in-law, Virginia Alley; nieces and nephews, Jennyl Alley, Kevin (Dainne) Alley, Scott Sosnowski, and Emily (Emily Kreinest) DeCapite; grand-nieces, Mia Alley and Abby Alley; her beloved dog, Daisy; and her vibrant community of dear friends.

Jill is preceded in death by her mother, Rose, and loving husband of 53 years, George Householder, the latter of whom she wrote every day from the time he went to boot camp until his ship was on its way home.

The VFW will officiate services on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at Western Reserve Memorial Gardens, 11521 Chillicothe Road, Chesterland, OH 44026. Please meet at the chapel. A Celebration of Life will follow starting at 11:00 a.m. at VFW 1500, 38295 Pelton Road, Willoughby, Ohio 44094.

Memorial contributions may be made in honor of Jill to Lake County Historical Society, 415 Riverside Dr., Painesville Twp., OH 44077.

Arrangements entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio 44060.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Cemetery Details

Western Reserve Memorial Gardens

11521 Chillicothe Rd.
Chesterland, OH 44026
(440) 729-9465

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 21. 9:30 AM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

MAR 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

VFW Post #1500
38295 Pelton Rd
Willoughby, OH 44094

Tribute Wall

DA

“ Oh Aunt Jill...you and Uncle George accepted me with open arms. I will never forget your kindness, jokes and just the light you brought to every room you entered. Your life of service shows what kind of person you truly were and your legacy will live on through those you served and the countless lives you've touched. You will be greatly missed. Until we meet again and I love you!

Dainne - March 24 at 10:58 PM

AS

“ Annya S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jill Householder.

Annya S. - March 24 at 03:08 PM

DM

“ RIP my dear friend!

Diane McSween



Diane McSween - March 11 at 06:31 PM

DF

“ Diane McSween and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jill Householder.



Diane McSween and Family - March 11 at 06:23 PM

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“ *Jill was a happy and bright light in the lives of those she touched. She was humble, kind, funny and a supportive friend. How blessed I was to call her my friend! Sending prayers and positive thoughts to her family and many friends. 💕*

Anne (Wasilko) Barton - March 11 at 04:14 PM

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Anne Wasilko Barton

Anne (Wasilko) Barton - March 11 at 04:16 PM