



## Ann Maria Wassermann

December 24, 1927 - August 30, 2009

Ann Maria Wassermann, 81, died Sunday, August 30, in Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Perrysburg center. She was a courageous 25-year breast cancer survivor thanks to Drs. Horvath and Pipoly and the staff of HOA Cancer Center.

Born Dec. 24, 1927, in Toledo, she annually hosted a birthday/Christmas Eve party for family and friends, young and old. It ended in the wee hours of Christmas with carol singing accompanied by the hostess.

An accomplished pianist, she played professionally at the Sylvania and Toledo Country Clubs, UT Savage Hall's Rocket Club, as well as for benefits and special events. Her passion for music was inherited from her parents. Mother Maria Watkins played piano and father H.G. "Watty" Watkins was a member of a Vaudeville song-and-dance duo called Watkins and Lee.

She was the widow of Bill Wassermann, who died in 1989. They met at a Toledo Council of Catholic Youth dance, where they discovered a common interest in music and theatre. They were married in 1953.

Ann Maria was an avid bridge player, a voracious reader, and loved to dance. She was one of the earliest members of Toledo's Manhattan Dance Company. She also enjoyed traveling, especially to Ireland, and was very proud of her Irish heritage.

The Wassermanns were founding members of the Maumee Civic Theater and of St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Parish, where Ann Maria chaired the church's blood drive for many years. She was also a volunteer usher at the Toledo

Museum of Art's Peristyle.

Ann Maria was a graduate of Notre Dame Academy and attended the University of Toledo. She was retired from the Maumee School District where she was secretary to the superintendent of schools. Memberships included Our Lady of Lourdes Church, the Maumee Elks Club and the Knitwits at The Victory Center of Toledo.

Surviving are daughters Molly Wassermann, Toledo; Gretchen (Peter) Olszak, Chicago; Mary Wassermann, Philadelphia; son David J. (Kelley), Sylacauga, AL; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Also surviving is a brother, H. Griffin (Patricia) Watkins, Toledo. She was predeceased by a sister, Sue J. O'Neal in 2007.

Visitation is Thursday, Sept. 3, at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Road, from 2 to 8 p.m. The memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns.

Memorial contributions to Hospice of Northwest Ohio or The Victory Center of Toledo are preferred.

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Gretchen, Peter, Molly, Madeline, Calvin, Olivia, and family,

*Our hearts are with you upon the loss of this wonderful woman and artist. What a heritage of love, life, strength, and music she has left you. And what great love, laughter, and care you gave her. She was a lucky woman to have all of you as family, as you were greatly fortunate to have her in your lives.*

*May memories comfort and carry you through the rough times. Our love goes out to you all.*

*Steve, Anne, and family##imported-begin##Steve and Anne Merle##imported-end##*

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“ *Miesssss!*

*What a full and beautiful life your Mother had. Christmas Eve's will never be the same without Ann Maria hosting. But at least she'll be partying it up with your Dad, John D., & Mary Kay! I'm so sorry for you loss. Kay Anderson Lubin##imported-begin##Kay Anderson##imported-end##*

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“ *Annie - a wonderful musician, a better person. Annie - an inspiration every day of my life.*

*Her living, loving family is of course the very best testimonial.##imported-begin##Jim CaJacob jcajacob@gmail.com##imported-end##*

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“ Sincerest sympathy##imported-begin##Janet G. Keener##imported-end##

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“ Dear Family  
I was a Member of the Lunch bunch group  
your Mother belonged too.  
We got together every other month for lunch  
  
I got to know her through Ellen Wall, your  
Mother was a dear sweet lady, we will miss  
he alot.  
I also saw her several times at HOA cancer  
center. I was out there with my husband.  
Everyone there thought so much of your  
Mother, she was quite a lady.  
I am so sorry for your loss, I lost my Mother  
in June so I know your pain.  
Sincerely Jo McCullough##imported-begin##Jo  
McCullough##imported-end##

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“ To Ann Maria's Family,

*I have enjoyed knowing Ann Maria for the past twenty five or more years; enjoyed her spirit, her music and her warmth. She will be missed and remembered.*

*My thoughts and love are with all of you at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Heidi McMath  
hbookreader@mac.com##imported-end##*

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please do not hesitate to let us know if we can lend a hand in any way!

*Judi and Ron##imported-begin##Ron and Judi Irion##imported-end##*

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“ Dear Molly & Family,

*This was probably a long hard road for you all. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. God Bless.*

*Mary JO##imported-begin##Mary Jo (Zimmer) Dey  
mjdey@bex.net##imported-end##*

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“ *What a great pix of your Mom. I loved reading about her life and only wish I had known her better. Getting to do that in heaven makes the destination even sweeter.##imported-begin##Kathie Hill##imported-end##*

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“ *Dear Gretchen & Peter, Madelein, Calvin & Olivia,*

*How sad to lose someone as special as your mom/grandmother. Yet how fortunate you all are to have memories of this extraordinary and talented woman who you had the chance to know and to love. Reading about her life, I understand how much a part of her is in each of you - starting with her gift of music.*

*I know your memories of her will always warm your hearts, bring smiles, and remind you of her courage and dignity.*

*Our deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Paula & Denny Selvig se lvig@aol.com##imported-end##*

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“ *We loved her too. A great lady who led a great life.##imported-begin##Rick & Michele Brigham fbrigham@gmu.edu##imported-end##*

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“ To Ann Maria's Family,

*My sympathy to you all on the loss of your mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. I worked with Ann Maria many years ago at Gateway Middle School. She was a great lady as well as a terrific piano player.##imported-begin##Fran Weinblatt  
cweinblatt@sev.org##imported-end##*

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“ We just rec'd notice of your mom's passing. Our mom & dad were neighbors to yours. Your dad built our garage & family rm in Waterville. Your parents were the greatest! We know they are missed but treasured memories are with you.##imported-begin##Marion & Bud Dey josie1931@verizon.net##imported-end##

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“ I'm so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. She was a wonderful person and an exceptional friend to my Mom. I know you will keep all the great memories of her alive in your families God Bless her and all of you.

*Susie##imported-begin##Susie Cottier Barley  
smbwillow@bex.net##imported-end##*

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“ To Molly, Gretchen, Mary, David and families,

*We would like to send our deepest sympathies to Ann Maria's friends and family. She was such a fixture here at The Victory Center for many, many years, that its hard to imagine us without her. She was generous in spirit, equally proficient with piano or her fine editor's skills. We will miss her greatly.*

*From Kelly, Penny, Lora and Lynn###imported-begin##Penny McCloskey pmccloskey@thevictorycenter.org###imported-end##*

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“ *I remember Ann Maria as a warm and very kind woman possessing a great deal of inner strength. The month we spent in Sebring in '04 was certainly enriched by meeting and spending a good deal of time with her. She truly loved her family and I send my sincere condolences to all of you during this difficult time. May God bless you and give you peace.###imported-begin##Sue Srokosz###imported-end##*

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“ Dear Gretchen, Peter, Madeline, Calvin and Olivia,

*Please know that I loved Ann Maria very much. I considered her my friend--after all who wouldn't be a good friend to an Irish lass?! She was part inspiration and sounding board. Conversation was a pleasure with Ann Maria. She added that element which made one think. I will miss her very much.*

*Love to all the family,*

*Nancy##imported-begin##Nancy Wilmot  
nrwcda@juno.com##imported-end##*

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“ Molly,

*What a beautiful remembrance of your mom. She sounds to me like the wife in Proverbs 31: Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all" .... Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.*

*I pray you feel the comfort and love of your many friends.*

*Peace and love to you my friend,*

*Joanna##imported-begin##Joanna Beck  
jrb253@gmail.com##imported-end##*

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“ Molly,  
Never having met your Mom, and reading about her life and passions in the paper I can certainly understand your committment to making the end of her life your the best it could be. And I can see that your entertainer talents have been inherited from generations of entertainers not the least of which was your Mom....singing, dancing and playing the piano are lovely visions of her you all can cherish....  
With Sympathy for your loss,  
Donna###imported-begin##Donna Malone  
donnamalone@bex.net###imported-end##

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“ To Molly and Family,  
Our heartfelt expressions of sympathy with the loss of your mother. You are in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Barbara (Robaszkieicz) Rogers###imported-end##

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“ Mary, Gretchen, David, Molly,  
You are all in my thoughts and prayers. How lucky you were to have had Ann Maria as your mother! She was one terrific, compassionate, talented woman...and I am ever thankful to have been touched by her all these years. I hope the friendships in our families continue to grow...as they have for a long, long time. I think Jim Mack is up there planning a beautiful new room with Bill for her new piano...wonder what color Ann Maria is trying to get them to agree to...no doubt she will get any she wants this time! Happiness to all of you, and your loved ones.  
with love,  
Laura Mack Brogan###imported-begin###Laura Mack Brogan lauram brogan@gmail.com###imported-end##

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“ Molly Our thoughts and prayers are with you.###imported-begin###Rita M. Zeller- Fournier rmfournier@buckeye-express.com###imported-end##

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“ Dearest Molly and family -  
What a wonderful spirit and talent your Mom was, Molly. (You clearly inherited it!) I feel privileged to have known Ann Maria AND to have heard her play. Thank you for giving me that opportunity. Bonnie and I send our deepest sympathies and love to you at this very difficult time.  
Please let us know if there's anything we can do.  
Much love,  
Mary & Bonnie###imported-begin###Mary Murfitt & Bonnie Hundt mc murfitt@aol.com###imported-end##

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