



## Maxine Joyce Welker

November 25, 1923 - December 14, 2015

Maxine “Mickey” Joyce (Campbell) Welker was born on November 25, 1923 in Albion, Michigan, the only child of Raynold H. and Arleen M. Campbell. She graduated from Washington Gardner High School, Albion Michigan in 1941. In 1943, she entered Bowling Green State University where she became very active in a number of social and community service organizations. As a freshman, she was BGSU’s representative to the World Student Conference, held at Ohio State University.

While attending BGSU she met, and later married, Mark B. Welker. Together they had four sons. As a wife and mother, Mickey continued to be very active in the community and continued her association with Bowling Green State University through alumni activities. She was the first woman to receive the Alumni Service Award (1965), an honor acknowledging all of the work she contributed to alumni activities and support for BGSU.

In 1970, she re-entered Bowling Green State University and graduated with a BS in Education. She had already been teaching since 1963, and continued teaching first and second grades at Fall Meyer and Garfield elementary schools in Toledo, until retiring from Garfield in 1989.

She is survived by her husband, Mark B. Welker and four sons, Scott (Sue), Brooks, Jon (Sue), and Kenn (Penny), as well as six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Thursday from 3-7pm. Funeral services will be held on Friday beginning at

10:00 am. in the funeral home with interment to follow in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park.

# Cemetery Details

## Ottawa Hills Memorial

4210 W Central Ave  
Toledo, OH 43606

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

DEC 17. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Service

DEC 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mrs. Welker was always my favorite teacher as a child. She was my 2nd grade teacher at Garfield in 1968. I remember taking her a plate of my Mom's home made Christmas cookies that year and every year after through my years at Waite High. Though I hadn't seen her for 40 years since leaving Toledo, I can still to this day say that she was my favorite! She will be missed. George Gancsos. Somerset, MI.*

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**George Gancsos** - December 22, 2015 at 08:54 AM

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“ *God broke the mold when he made Mickey! Now he has her back- a beautiful soul must make a pretty good angel...  
Love and condolences to the Welker family.  
SueAnn Davis*

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**SueAnn Davis** - December 17, 2015 at 08:25 PM

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“ *Dear Mark and Family:  
Sorry to hear of "Mickey's" passing. She always had a smile for everyone.  
She will be missed. Our prayers go with her.  
Sincerely,  
Ed & Lorraine Nussel*

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**Ed Nussel** - December 17, 2015 at 03:46 PM

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*A beautiful soul should make a pretty good angel! Mickey and Mark have all our love.  
SueAnn Davis*

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**SueAnn Davis** - December 17, 2015 at 08:12 PM

JL

“ *One of Bowling Green State University's best. Our prayers are with Mark and the family.*  
*Jim & Margarita Lessig*

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**James & Margarita Lessig** - December 16, 2015 at 01:23 PM

“*Maxine J. "Mickey" Welker (1923 - 2015) Featured Guest Book*  
*Maxine J. "Mickey" Welker, a force in organizing alumni of Bowling Green State University through the 1960s and who retired as a Toledo schoolteacher, died Monday in Hospice of Northwest Ohio, South Detroit Avenue. She was 92. She did not regain consciousness after falling Thursday while getting into a car at Swan Creek Retirement Village, her son Jon said. A friend was taking her to a retired teachers' event. Mrs. Welker and her husband, Mark, a retired Waite High School coach and administrator, moved to Swan Creek a year ago from their home on Cragmoor Avenue in South Toledo. She retired in 1989 from Garfield Elementary School in East Toledo, where she taught second grade for much of her career. "She enjoyed teaching kids how to read, and she took a lot of pride in doing that," her son said. "There's no question about it; she was a strict teacher. She didn't tolerate any nonsense. She was going to teach them how to read. That was her goal, and that was her job. "Mrs. Welker believed in phonics, her husband said, and when her second graders faced fourth graders in spell-downs, "they beat 'em." She also taught first grade and had a stint at Fall Meyer School. Mrs. Welker was nearly 40 when she began teaching. She returned to BGSU and received a bachelor of science in education in 1970, nearly 30 years after she first enrolled. While a stay-at-home mother and homemaker, she was president in the early 1960s of BGSU's Toledo area alumnae club. Membership grew from 30 to more than 100 during her tenure. She later was president of the BGSU Alumni Club of Greater Toledo. She thought officers of college and university alumni groups should get together to trade techniques. That group, the All College-Alumni Council, had members from about 70 institutions. She was the first president. She kept scrapbooks to record the groups' activities and two calendars to keep track of her own. In 1965, BGSU honored Mrs. Welker with the school's second Alumni Service Award. She was a former director of the BGSU Alumni Association. She was a member of Zion United Methodist Church. She was born Nov. 25, 1923, in Albion, Mich., to Arleen and Raynold Campbell. She was a 1941 graduate of Washington*

*Gardner High School in Albion. Surviving are her husband, Mark, whom she met at BGSU and married in June, 1949; sons, Scott, Brooks, Jon, and Kenn; six grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Thursday in the Coyle Funeral Home, where services will begin at 10 a.m. Friday. This is a news story by Mark Zaborney contact him at [mzaborney@theblade.com](mailto:mzaborney@theblade.com) or 419-724-6182.*

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**Blade** - December 16, 2015 at 10:26 AM

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“ *Please accept my sincere condolences.*

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**David Westmark** - December 16, 2015 at 07:38 AM

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*Scott and Sue, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family..  
Rock and Carol Roscoe*

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**Carol Roscoe** - December 17, 2015 at 07:05 AM