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## Elizabeth Warden Obituary

Elizabeth “Libby” Josephine Warden (née Ballard), age 88 of Elyria, OH, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her loving family, Tuesday, September 9, 2025. She was born July 31, 1937, in Savannah, GA to Burley Ballard and Julia (nee Tatham) Ballard. Soon after her birth, her family returned to their hometown of Asheville, NC where Libby was raised.

Libby graduated from Lee H. Edwards High School in Asheville. She marched as a high school majorette, a position that was both competitive and glamorous, and one she took great pride in earning. Around this time, she was featured on a children’s television program, appearing on-air as “Miss Elizabeth” in the very early days of local broadcasting. She went on to attend Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, TN where she obtained her teaching credentials and was crowned a Southern beauty queen. She met her husband of 68 years, Noel Stephen “Steve” Warden at Carson-Newman and the couple was married June 7, 1957 at First Baptist Church of Asheville. Following their wedding, they moved to Arlington, VA where Libby worked in Washington, DC as a secretary for the Department of the Navy. Their first child, Mike, was born in Washington. Steve and Libby relocated back to North Carolina for a few years and she worked for the State Department. Their daughter, Teri, and son, Robert, were born in North Carolina and in 1964, the family moved to Elyria, OH, where they made their lifelong home.

Libby taught kindergarten at Cascade and Ely Elementary schools in Elyria. She managed to balance her teaching with being present for her three young children, making sure she was there when they returned home for lunch and again at the end of the school day. Eventually she stepped away from teaching and embraced being a stay-at-home mother. Libby enjoyed supporting her children’s activities including various sports, horseback riding and Teri playing the violin. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Little League North. Once the children were older and more independent, she embarked on a new career as an administrative assistant to the president of Trio Products, a plastics company in Elyria. She excelled in her new role and was very proud of the work she did.



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Libby was a member of the Elyria Woman's Club where she served as treasurer and managed numerous historical preservation and educational projects. She was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Ruth Davidson Chapter in Asheville and an associate member of the Nathan Perry Chapter in Lorain. Additionally, she was a longtime member of Elyria's First United Methodist Church. Libby lived her life with much patience, grace, resourcefulness, and a determined spirit. She had the most beautiful blue eyes and sweetest smile, and she had an amazing way of making you feel loved. She will be deeply missed by all who love her.

Libby is survived by her husband Noel Stephen "Steve" Warden; children Stephen Michael "Mike" Warden (Debra) and Teri Warden Bickmore; grandchildren Lysa Warden (Chris Helm), Darcy Warden, Brian Bickmore, and Diana Bickmore; and great-grandchildren Audryana, Austin, and Augustus Warden.

She was preceded in death by her son, Robert Glenn "Bobby" Warden; her parents, Burley and Julia Ballard; brother, Burley Vincent Ballard; and sister, Barbara Ballard Aldridge.

The family will receive friends Monday, September 15, 2025 from 11:00 am until the time of a 1:00 pm service at Dicken Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 323 Middle Avenue, Elyria, OH. Burial will follow in Brookdale Cemetery, Elyria and friends are invited to attend. Rev. Marcus Atha of First United Methodist will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Elyria Woman's Club, 218 East Avenue, Elyria, OH 44035.

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AW

**A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Elizabeth J Warden** posted:

A Memorial Tree was planted for Elizabeth J Warden We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

April 22 at 8:55 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

White designer's choice bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth J Warden. Send Flowers With sympathy and love. Tom & Beate Warden

April 22 at 8:55 AM

TR

**The Ruhlens** posted:

Pink designer's choice bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth J Warden by The Ruhlens. Send Flowers From your other 6 children. The Ruhlens. Dave, Mike, Vicki, Bob, Candy and Terri Ruhlen The Ruhlens

April 22 at 8:55 AM

JF

**Jeannie Warden-Adams And Family** posted:

White designer's choice bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth J Warden by Jeannie Warden-Adams and family. Send Flowers Our deepest condolences to the family in this time of sadness. May God bless and comfort each of you Jeannie Warden-Adams and family

April 22 at 8:55 AM

PP

**Patrick And Jennifer Ballard, Shannon And Andy Potter** posted:

Designer's choice bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth J Warden by Patrick and Jennifer Ballard, Shannon and Andy Potter. Send Flowers With Love. Patrick and Jennifer Ballard, Shannon and Andy Potter and Family. Patrick and Jennifer Ballard, Shannon and Andy Potter

April 22 at 8:55 AM



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RD

**Richard Depue** posted:

Purple designer's choice bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth J Warden by Richard DePue. Send FlowersWith heartfelt condolences to the Warden family.Richard DePue

April 22 at 8:55 AM

NW

**Nathalie Warden** posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Elizabeth J Warden by Nathalie Warden. Plant a TreeMy deepest condolences for your loss. Wishing you peace and all the best.Nathalie Warden

April 22 at 8:55 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Monet's garden basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth J Warden. Send FlowersWith deepest sympathy.

April 22 at 8:55 AM

TF

**The Dodds Family** posted:

Blooming basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth J Warden by The Dodds Family. Send FlowersAll our loveThe Dodds Family

April 22 at 8:55 AM

TA

**The Walker Family (Chelsea Walker, Granddaughter Of Barbara Ballard Aldridge)** posted:

Petals aglow was purchased for the family of Elizabeth J Warden by The Walker Family (Chelsea Walker, granddaughter of Barbara Ballard Aldridge). Send FlowersGreat Aunt Libby was truly a light of connection and compassion. Our sincerest condolences and prayers to all who will miss her.The Walker Family (Chelsea Walker, granddaughter of Barbara Ballard Aldridge)

April 22 at 8:55 AM



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LL

**Love, Kevin, Reesa , Ella And Liam Loos** posted:

Small dish garden was purchased for the family of Elizabeth J Warden by Love, Kevin, Reesa , Ella and Liam Loos. Send Flowers With deepest sympathy. Grandma Libby was a woman of grace and joy, and we truly adored her. Keeping your family in my heart and prayers. Love, Kevin, Reesa , Ella and Liam Loos

April 22 at 8:55 AM

RD

**Richard Dick Egy** posted:

So sorry to see her passing, but have very strong memories of her and Steve at our softball games for the First United Methodist Church many years ago. Her cheerful smile and attitude supporting Steve and our team over the years. Also enjoyed the fun Steve and I shared playing. The memories will also be there, Thanks . Richard "Dick" Egy

September 14 at 2:20 PM

PW

**Patrick Warden** posted:

Sending sympathy, condolences, peace, and love.

September 13 at 2:23 PM

JA

**Janet And Dan** posted:

Our best wishes will always be with you. Janet and Dan

September 12 at 8:14 AM

TL

**Terry Livelsberger** posted:

Libby was such a sweet person to work with. She brightened everybody's day.

September 12 at 6:01 AM

JH

**Jerry Henson** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you for the best of everything. God bless.

September 12 at 5:34 AM



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VR

**Vicki Hammer (Ruhlen)** posted:

We will miss Libby so very much. We spent so much time together growing up. She was like a second mother to us. Going to Dad and Steves softball games, sharing meals that Mom and Libby put together at the games. What a wonderfully, beautiful soul she was. Heaven gained a another beauty. We love your entire family.

September 11 at 1:13 PM

MR

**Mike Ruhlen** posted:

We are so sorry. She was our second Mom. Remembering our softball games and sharing meals after or down at Cascade park. We will miss you more than you know.

September 11 at 11:51 AM

RR

**Robert Ruhlen** posted:

Just an incredible person, so many memories we had over summers of softball, cedar point/ picnics, family dinners with 13 of us. May the memories burn bright, she certainly left great memories with the Ruhlen family.

September 11 at 9:44 AM



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