



## Phyllis J. Holsapple

August 9, 1922 - January 23, 2013

HOLSAPPLE, Phyllis J., 90, of Mad River Township died Wednesday, January 23, 2013, at her home. She was born in Springfield on August 9, 1922, the youngest child of Roger S. and Iva P. (Strong) Ayer. Mrs. Holsapple graduated from Springfield High School and began working at the school as a secretary. She married H. Boyd Holsapple on October 26, 1944, while he was serving as a captain in the U.S. Army Air Corps. After her children reached school age, she resumed working and was a school secretary at Greenon, Boone Station, and Indian Valley schools. Mrs. Holsapple and her husband enjoyed travelling around the U.S. with their camping trailer for many years, visiting parks and wildlife refuges. They were avid bird watchers, served as volunteers in Ohio's state parks, and supported the Glen Helen Raptor Center in their work to rescue and rehabilitate injured hawks and owls. Mrs. Holsapple was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and all six siblings: Ellen Yeazell, Mary Palmer, Hazel Ludlow, Edith Shingledecker, John Ayer, and Alice Jordan. She is survived by her daughters Kay McClellan of Streamwood, Illinois, and Dr. Gwen Wolford of Circleville; her son Boyd E. Holsapple of near Yellow Springs; grandsons Ian McClellan and Brad and Nick Wolford; special niece Marianne Ludlow Nave; and, a host of other nieces and nephews. A gathering of family and friends will be held from 9:30-11:30am on Monday, 28 January, at the JACKSON, LYTLE & LEWIS FUNERAL HOME, 2425 N. Limestone St., Springfield. A funeral service will follow at 11:30 am. Entombment will follow at Rose Hill Burial Park. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any memorial

contributions be made to the Glen Helen Raptor Center, 405 Corry Street, Yellow Springs, Ohio 45387, or to the charity of one's choice. Condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.jacksonlytle.com](http://www.jacksonlytle.com).

# Cemetery Details

**Rose Hill Burial Park**

Springfield, OH

# Tribute Wall

AS

“ *Gwen - You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May memories of your mom live in your heart forever. Amy Stone*

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**Amy Stone** - January 29, 2013 at 10:54 PM

PB

“ *Gwen,*

*I am so sorry to learn of your mom's passing. My prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Pam Bennett** - January 29, 2013 at 09:43 AM

JW

“ *Always remember your mother out around the yard or walking.as a neighbor close by on Rocky Point Rd. Thinking of the family at this time. Remember her with you and you various activities Gwen. sincerly JoAn and Rollie Wilson(Marcy's parents*

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**JoAn and Rollie Wilson** - January 28, 2013 at 10:07 PM

MG

“ *Marianne Gregory lit a candle in memory of Phyllis J. Holsapple*



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**Marianne Gregory** - January 28, 2013 at 12:59 PM

MG

“ I always enjoyed my chats with Phyllis on my walks on our road. She was always working in the yard and doing more than people half her age. I would offer to help but she always said no. She said her work kept her moving and alert. When she wasn't out I would pick up sticks and carry them to the woods. I don't think she ever knew that. After her leg problems kept her from working outside we would visit on the porch or in the house. She always welcomed our dog Luke and sometimes my husband Jim would join us. She always had interesting stories and we would be surprised at the people we both knew. She shared with me how appreciative she was that Boyd and Marianne helped her stay in the home she loved. She will be missed. She was a testament to keep moving and stay healthy.

*Marianne Gregory*

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**Marianne Gregory** - January 28, 2013 at 12:58 PM

MH

“ Gwen, I'm so sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Melinda

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**Melinda Hill** - January 28, 2013 at 11:19 AM

BC

“ My thoughts are with you. I worked with Phyllis at Boone Station School. It was while I was there getting to know Phyllis and watching her work that I decided I would like to be a school secretary. I did become one in the Springfield City Schools. Thank you, Phyllis, for being such a good role model and leading such an interesting and beneficial life. (We lived on Rocky Point Road for many years, so were neighbors)

*With sincere sympathy, Barbara Cornelius*

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**Barbara Cornelius** - January 28, 2013 at 10:07 AM

ST

“ *Gwen & Family,*

*We are so sorry for your loss. May the Lord keep you and the family wrapped in His comforting arms at this difficult time. Remember to always look to Him for strength and peace. We love you.*

*Yohance, Shannon and Jeremiah*

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**Shannon Thomas** - January 28, 2013 at 09:24 AM

JB

“ *Hi Gwen,*

*I'm, of course, so sorry for your loss. Remember the time I came to your house to work on my 4-H streams project? You were such a good sport to help me. I think your mother thought we, especially I, were a little nuts for going out back and digging around in your stream!*

*Take care,  
Jane*

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**Jane Bouchard** - January 26, 2013 at 03:51 PM

DC

*Dear Gwen and Family:*

*Please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. We wish you peace.*

*David Crawford Family*

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**David Crawford** - January 28, 2013 at 12:49 PM