



## Elizabeth "Betty" R. Knisely

December 22, 1930 - July 26, 2022

Elizabeth "Betty" Rose Knisely, 91, passed away peacefully at The Golden Age Retreat on Tuesday morning, July 26, 2022.

Elizabeth was born on December 22, 1930 in West Virginia to the late Roswell and Clarice Simons. She married William H. Knisely who passed away in 1978. They had two sons, Mark Allen Knisely who died in 2011, and Douglas H. Knisely (Carrollton), who survives her. Two brothers, Kenneth and Roger Simons and a sister Helen predeceased her.

Elizabeth always had a love for children and a passion for teaching. She taught Kindergarten for the Carrollton School system and eventually began the Open Door Nursery School in 1978. She taught classes of 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds for over 28 years. Years later her students would remember her and she would attend their plays and concerts as they progressed through school. She was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church of Carrollton where she attended and served for many years.

She spent her final years as a resident of the Golden Age Retreat. The entire staff became her extended family and her friends. She appreciated their kindness and excellent care greatly.

Along with her son, Doug she is survived by a sister, Mary Lois (John)

Carbone of Virginia Beach, VA; a daughter-in-law, Mary Lou Knisely of Universal City, TX; Paula Jones, a special friend to both herself and her son; Debbie Longbons, a longtime friend; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at Noon on Friday, July 29, 2022 at the Dodds Funeral Home of Carrollton with Mark Statler officiating. Burial will follow in Westview Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of services.

In lieu of flowers the family asks for donations in her name to either the Carroll Golden Age Retreat 2202 Kensington Rd. NE Carrollton, Ohio 44615 or Community Hospice 704 Canton Rd. NW Ste. A Carrollton, Ohio 44615 who provided her with excellent care.

# Cemetery Details

## Westview Cemetery

Fourth Street SE  
Carrollton, OH 44615

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 29. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Dodds Funeral Home-Carrollton  
129 N Lisbon St  
Carrollton, OH 44615  
(330) 627-5505  
<https://www.doddsfuneralhomes.com/>

## Service

JUL 29. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *What an amazing woman! Mrs. Knisely was the one of the greatest teachers that taught both of my kids in preschool. You could not ask for a more caring and soft hearted lady! She never forgot a face! Heaven has received a special gift! RIP Mrs. Knisely.*

**The Merrick Family** - August 01, 2022 at 11:19 AM

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“ *Deb lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" R. Knisely*



**Deb** - July 30, 2022 at 11:13 PM

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“ *Such a Beautiful Sweet Soul. She remembered everyone she had ever met. She would always sing along with any hymn she heard. She just had a special way about her that you were always welcome to sit and talk awhile. She loved to share stories of her life.*



**Pixie Furbee** - July 27, 2022 at 12:51 PM

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“ *Pixie Furbee lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" R. Knisely*



**Pixie Furbee** - July 27, 2022 at 12:48 PM