



## Esther Jerine Wagner

March 15, 1924 - July 6, 2025

Esther Jerine Wagner, 101, passed away on Sunday, July 6, 2025. She was born March 15, 1924, in Greenvillage, PA, the daughter of the late Paul K. Leonard and Mary E. Leonard Oliver. She married Robert A. Wagner on May 30, 1942.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert A. Wagner on August 16, 1997; son, Robert L. Wagner; foster son, Kenneth Hockenberry; sister, Marie K. Freshman; brother, William K. Leonard.

Survived by daughter-in-law, Candice Wagner; foster daughter-in-law, Doris Jean Hockenberry; one grandson, Craig Wagner (Jenelle); three great granddaughter, Riley, Jordy, Charlotte; three foster grandchildren, Lori Misner (Randy), Lance Hockenberry (Melissa), Lisa Westberry (Mike); seven foster great grandchildren, Jessica, Justina, Janelle, Katelyn, Destiny, Dorie, Chevy; six great-great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Esther graduated from Chambersburg High School in 1941. Employed by Weaver Blue Ridge Woolen Mill and retired from Servomation at James River Plant. She was a member of Zion Reformed United and served as Deacon and the first woman Elder on Consistory. She taught Sunday School for over 65 years. Esther was very active: Past President of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 46, Past President of AARP 2287, Past President Women's Democrat Club of Franklin County, Past President of Chambersburg Hospital Auxiliary, Brownie Leader in Girl Scouts. She volunteered at the Chambersburg Hospital, Capital Theater, Community Theater, Chambersburg

heritage Center, Old Jail-Kittochintinny, Greenvillage-Culbertson Reunion Chair, member of NARFE, Church Women United, American Legion Lady for many students at SSVc, judge for elections for over six years, organized bus trips for AARP, Board of Chambersburg Community Centers. She received many awards including: Chambersburg Hospital Auxiliary of Year, by Franklin County Democrats for 60 years of service, Township Lions Club Citizen of the Year, Kiwanis Club Mike Waters' Citizen of the year, PA American Legion Auxiliary of Year, PA Election Hero, Oriole Hometown hero.

Esther played second base on the Greenvillage Hornet's Softball Team. She and Bob were members of the ACERS Skating Club at the former Ace of Hearts Skating Rink. She loved to walk, bowl and watch the Orioles.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Zion Reformed UCC, 259 S. Main Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201 or Esther Wagner Scholarship, Women's Democratic Club of Franklin County, PO Box 113, Fayetteville, PA 17222.

Her funeral service will be held on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at Sellers Funeral Home, 297 Philadelphia Avenue, Chambersburg, PA 17201, with Rev. Thomas Dunkle officiating. Interment at Parklawns Memorial Gardens will follow the service. There will be a time of visitation on Monday, July 14, 2025, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. held at Sellers Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Parklawns Memorial Gardens

3218 Philadelphia Ave  
Chambersburg, PA 17201

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Sellers Funeral Home  
297 Philadelphia Avenue  
Chambersburg, PA 17201

## Funeral Service

JUL 15. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Sellers Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

DH

“ To all the family: I met Esther when I lived in Chambersburg. She was the Judge of Elections where I voted. Rather than hand me my "I Voted" sticker, she would ALWAYS personally place it on my coat, jacket or shirt. Then she would always say: "Now, EVERYONE can see that you voted!" Such a beautiful spirit and so fun to be around! Thank you, God, for putting Esther along my journey through this life.

*Dianne H.  
Fayetteville, PA*

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**Dianne Helfrick** - July 25, 2025 at 08:35 AM

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“ What a beautiful person Esther Wagner was to everyone she had the opportunity to touch. My parents knew of Esther from the late 1950's through the recent years. She always had the same demeanor; always pleasant and gracious; never any negativity about her. I myself have known Esther for years. It was a joy to run into her at different times throughout the years and catch up on her many contributions she had given to society in general. She did have a very rich and fulfilling life. And Esther will always be missed by the many, many people that were fortunate to be touched by her Godly actions. God Bless the family of Esther Wagner.

*Lane Reineman*

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**Lane Reineman** - July 15, 2025 at 07:47 PM

MW

“ Dearest Esther. She was my husband's Sunday School teacher at Zion and remained a lifelong friend. I was fortunate to meet her when we married and have shared many good times and memories. So kind, so caring, so generous and thoughtful; many a day will pass until we are blessed with the likes of her again.

Marge Walls-Walker - July 12, 2025 at 11:56 AM

BN

“ Aww - so sorry to hear of Esther's passing. My Mother was actually a friend of hers from Class of 1943 from Chambersburg High School and I worked with her as a volunteer in the gift shop at the Chambersburg Hospital years ago. What a long and fruitful life well lived! RIP, Esther.

Brenda (Spalding) Niedererr - July 10, 2025 at 06:55 PM



“ I remember Esther and Bob very well when I worked at Chambersburg Hospital. Her and Bob were there many evenings back in the day escorting the Snack and Courtesy Cart to every floor of the hospital selling candy, newspapers and other essentials on the cart. She always greeted you with a smile. Now she is in Heaven with Bob and her son Bob. I send my condolences and will keep the family in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Till we meet again Esther! It was such a pleasure knowing you Esther!

Joseph Bowman - July 10, 2025 at 04:06 PM

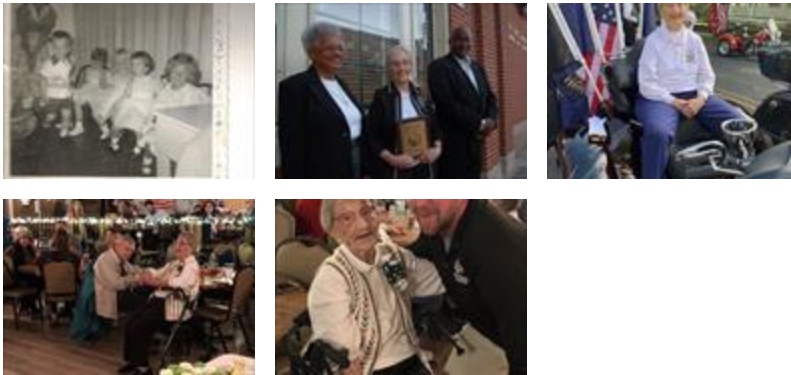
SC

My dear friend Esther what a dear friend she was! She was always full of energy and just the happiest person! I never heard her say unkind word about anyone! Not enough space to tell what she meant to me so I will just say miss you my friend until we meet again!

Shirley Conner - July 14, 2025 at 12:35 PM

SK

“ 7 files added to the album Esther Wagner's tribute wall



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**Sandy Kendall** - July 10, 2025 at 11:56 AM

SK

“ *Esther was an integral part of my life from infancy through adulthood. I can't think of a more honest and caring person. She will be greatly missed by so many individuals, groups, and committees. She was my link to my family as they passed away. My heart extends much sympathy to her family and friends who will miss her. Love, Sandy Kell Kendall*

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**Sandy Kendall** - July 10, 2025 at 11:38 AM

EK

“ *What can one say!  
A great lady and fellow tour guide  
Have known Esther for many, many years and believe it or not we would meet up on tours. Eastern, Southern, Northern USA we were there with our tour groups and was a surprise when we picked each other out in the crowds  
Blessings to the family and all I can say is Keep on.....keeping on Esther  
You will be missed  
Emmett Kessinger Wolf Bus Lines York Springs, Pennsylvania*

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**Emmett Kessinger** - July 09, 2025 at 05:57 PM