



## Ann Garoffolo-Goar

April 1, 1921 - August 25, 2017

Ann Garoffolo-Goar, 96, of Lebanon, passed away peacefully Friday morning, August 25, 2017 at Witham Memorial Hospital in Lebanon. She was born April 1, 1921, in Jolietville, Indiana, to the late Thomas William and Leona (Bell) Chastain.

On August 30, 1942, she was married to Joseph Garoffolo at Lanes Chapel Church in Waugh (Slabtown), Indiana. He passed away on February 9, 1990, at the age of 71. She married James V. Goar, Jr. on December 12, 2004, at Otterbein United Methodist Church in Lebanon. He preceded her in death on January 15, 2017, at the age of 97.

Ann spent her childhood in Waugh, enjoying life in her parent's General Store and home. She enjoyed the people who gathered there. Ann attended a one room school house (Wrights Corner) before graduating from Sheridan High School. She attended Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana and graduated from Butler University with a BA degree in Religion with additional work in Library sciences.

During WWII she was with her Navy husband, they lived in Portsmouth, Virginia and San Diego, California. After returning to Indiana, she worked at the American State Bank in Sheridan, the Goodrich Grain Company in Rosston, and Big Springs Telephone Company. After moving to Lebanon, Ann

was the education assistant to both Centenary United Methodist and First Presbyterian Churches.

Ann loved her family, the church and her Lebanon Community. She was active in the United Methodist Women becoming president of the Indianapolis West District. She more recently had been a member of South Indiana Conference Committee on Ordained Ministry. Most of her life was spent as a member of Centenary United Methodist Church in Lebanon.

As part of her early years in Lebanon, she was a staff aid for the American Red Cross, a member of the Home Economics Club and Marion Township Club. She became a member of Lebanon OES having been a member of Jobs Daughters earlier in her life. Encouraged by the Boone County Republican Party, Ann sought the office of Lebanon Clerk/Treasurer. She was elected in 1972 and served twelve years. In 1984, she became the first female Mayor of the City of Lebanon, a position she held for 8 years. During her 20 years of municipal service she held several state level positions: President of Indiana Association of Cities and Towns, President of the League of Municipal Clerk/Treasurers and International Clerk/Treasurers, Board of Directors of the Academy of Public Service, Vice President, Local Government Advisory Committee, Indiana Institute for New Business Ventures, Citizen Advisory Committee on Environment Management, President of the Indiana Republican Mayor's Association and named their Woman of the Year in 1991. Ann enjoyed organizational work and consequently was a busy woman who loved her home and family but found time to be involved with the following groups: President of Harney Elementary PTA, Membership Chairman and President of the Witham Hospital Foundation Board, Fundraising Committee for the new Witham Hospital, President of the Boone County Mental Health Association, Founding Board member of the Boone County Leadership, Founding Board Member of the Habitat for Humanity, Witham Health Services Advisory Committee, Member of the Community Foundation of Boone County, Boone

County Jail Ministry, Advisory Committee for Homewood Health Care and Crown Pointe Assisted Living, and Director of Lebanon Public Library and Friends of the Lebanon Library. Ann was especially proud of her memberships in the Lebanon Rotary and Zonta Clubs. Both service organizations promote international good will and aid for women & children. She enjoyed work & social activities with Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Auxiliary Chapter Tourist Club. She was honored with special awards including, Mrs. Boone County (1961), Jane Award (Purdue Extension 1978), Zonta Woman of the Year (1984), Sagamore of the Wabash (1988), and July 4th Parade Marshall (1997).

Survivors include sons, Gary Garoffolo of Lawton, OK, Tom Garoffolo (Lisa) of Lebanon, and Andrew Boggs (Leslie), of Coeur D'Alene, ID; step children, Robert Goar (Jan) and Debbie Beigh (Michael) all of Zionsville; grandchildren, Emily Garoffolo Webb of Indianapolis, Christopher & Alex Garoffolo of Stillwater, OK, Anna Jo Boggs of Denver and Thomas Boggs of Whitefish, MT; step grandchildren, Matthew Goar (Megan) of Chicago and Patrick Goar of Chicago; and great grandchild, Riley Webb of Indianapolis.

In addition to her parents and her husbands, Ann was preceded in death by a sister, Irene Chastain McCoy and a brother, Robert Chastain.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, August 30, 2017, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Centenary United Methodist Church, 910 Fordice Road, in Lebanon. Funeral Services for Ann will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, with Dr. Jim Morin and Rev. Anthony Stone, officiating. Private Family Entombment will take place at Oak Hill Cemetery on Thursday.

Memorials may be made in her honor to the Boone County Cancer Society, 117 West Elm Street, Lebanon, Indiana 46052 or to the Lebanon Public Library, 104 East Washington Street, Lebanon, Indiana 46052.



# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

935 East Washington Street  
Lebanon, IN 46052

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 30.** 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Centenary United Methodist Church  
910 Fordice Road  
Lebanon, IN 46052

## Service

**AUG 30.** 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ann Garoffolo-Goar*

November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Your Mom was an amazing person. My best memories of her were at Centenary Methodist when I was a child in the 60's!*

**Cindy Bramblett Keyes** - August 31, 2017 at 05:37 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. May the loving memories you share ease your loss.*

*Jo Ellen Luse Neighbors*



**Jo Ellen Neighbors** - August 29, 2017 at 08:32 AM



“ *Ann was a wonderful lady and she will be missed!*  
*Molly Riggs*

**Sarah Kennedy** - August 27, 2017 at 06:39 PM

SL

“ Tom , Gary, Andy,  
I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. She was a great Mayor,  
and a very good friend to me and my family.  
If it weren't for her, I wouldn't have been with the City for all those  
years.  
I am forever grateful to her for showing such trust in me. She will be  
missed.  
Sending our prayers to you and your family.

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**Steve Large** - August 26, 2017 at 05:30 PM

MS

“ Tom and Lisa, sorry I will be unable to be with you on Wed. You will  
be on my mind and heart. I enjoyed being with Ann and will miss  
her. God be with you and your family. Mary S.

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**Mary Slagle** - August 26, 2017 at 02:31 PM

EK

“ My prayers are with the family during this time. Elaine Kinsler

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**Elaine Kinsler** - August 26, 2017 at 12:01 PM

JC

“ Rita and I would like to express our condolences to the Garoffolo  
and Goar families. Ann worked tirelessly over the years for her  
family and community , serving and helping others. Her interest in  
making Lebanon a better - friendlier place was apparent. She will be  
missed.

*John & Rita Crane  
Palm Desert, CA*

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**John Crane** - August 26, 2017 at 11:36 AM

KM

“ *Kay Martin lit a candle in memory of Ann Garoffolo-Goar*



**Kay Martin** - August 26, 2017 at 02:14 AM

JW

“ *Judi Wilson lit a candle in memory of Ann Garoffolo-Goar*



**Judi Wilson** - August 25, 2017 at 08:04 PM

KI

“ *Kae Campbell Isenhower lit a candle in memory of Ann Garoffolo-Goar*



**Kae Campbell Isenhower** - August 25, 2017 at 05:33 PM



“ *Judy Pettifer lit a candle in memory of Ann Garoffolo-Goar*



**Judy Pettifer** - August 25, 2017 at 12:40 PM

SB

“ *Sally Byrd lit a candle in memory of Ann  
Garoffolo-Goar*



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**Sally Byrd** - August 25, 2017 at 11:57 AM