



## Vera Burns Hankey

November 12, 1923 - January 8, 2017

Vera Viets Burns Hankey, 93, of Easton, MD, formerly of Austintown, OH, died peacefully on January 8, 2017, at Bayleigh Chase in Easton. She was born on November 12, 1923 in Warren, OH, the daughter of the late Harold Lucius Viets and Helen Ruby Webb Viets.

She spent her childhood in Vienna, OH. During World War II, Vera worked in the office of Packard Electric, a division of General Motors. She was a member of the Vienna Methodist Church until she moved from Ohio in 2011.

Vera received her Bachelor and Master's Degrees in Education from Youngstown College, where she was a member of the college's first cheerleading squad. Until her retirement, she taught language arts and science in Liberty and Canfield, OH. She was a member of the Ohio Education Association, Mahoning County Education Association, and the National Education Association.

Vera was a dedicated bridge player and a member of the Canfield Duplicate Bridge Club, and the South Side Duplicate Bridge Club, among others. After her retirement, she enjoyed shuffleboard at her retirement community in Clearwater, FL, and traveling and cruises.

Vera's first husband, Robert George Burns, died a month before their 50th

wedding anniversary in March 1996. Her second husband, Robert Keith Hankey, passed away in December 2010. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Robert L. Viets, and her sister, Ella Mildred Viets Burley.

She is survived by her daughter, Karen and her husband William Seaton; her son, Robert and his wife Diane Burns; her stepdaughter, Connie and her husband Rick Warren; and three stepsons, Terry Hankey, Randy Hankey and Robert Hankey. She also is survived by her brother, Arthur Ronald Viets and his wife Pam; and her sister-in-law, Mary Gwendolyn Cook Viets. Vera had five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren with one more to be born June 2017.

A memorial service will be held at her retirement home, Baleigh Chase, in Easton, MD. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 21, at Vienna Methodist Church in Vienna, OH.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Canfield Middle School; Attn: Judd Rubin, Principal, 42 Wadsworth St., Canfield, OH 44406, for the school's library and language arts program.

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

Vienna Methodist Church  
Vienna, OH

# Tribute Wall



“ *Vera Burns Hankey*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Vera Burns Hankey*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Vera Burns Hankey*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Mrs Burns was my 7th grade English teacher and was the sweetest. I liked her so much, I got a D one grading period and never even thought to be sore about it. I went on to do much better, thanks to her. I really appreciated her. --Robert Holzbach*

**robert** - February 07, 2017 at 10:44 AM



“ *We are Florida "snowbirds" which is where we met Vera and Kieth several years ago. We shared many happy times and laughs together as often as we could. No excuse needed! Vera was always a lady except for her laugh which always made us wonder. Our thoughts are with the families as you say good-bye to a great lady.*

*Sincerely, Bill and Sharron Stevens, Riviera Estates*

**Sharron Stevens** - January 21, 2017 at 12:32 PM