



## Else Wheelock

August 21, 1930 - April 15, 2010

Else Lucie Wheelock aged 79, died April 15, 2010. Else was born August 21, 1930 in Toledo, Ohio, the daughter of Grete (Galle) and Hans Carl. She married Bernard Wheelock in 1949. They moved to Adrian and in 1950 she gave birth to twins Martha and Thomas.

Else graduated from Devilbiss High School in 1948, and attended the University of Toledo. The Toledo Turners were an important part of her and her family's life. During the 2nd World War she traveled to USO shows as a youth member of the Patricia Hermas' Dance Company.

In 1955 she organized the Children's and Women's gym classes for the Adrian YMCA. As a member she enjoyed many classes and was on several winning volleyball teams into the 1980's. A passionate golfer, Else was a member of the Wolfette Golf League, where she will be fondly remembered for "no gimmies!" She loved the Adrian Symphony Orchestra and they treated her with such love and respect.

She worked for Jim Greens Men's Store for 22 years. Most recently, Else work 9 years for Adrian Curves for Women.

Mom's volunteerism meant a great deal to her. She was proud to work 14 years with the Bixby Hospital Auxiliary and the Croswell Opera House for 20 years.

Else is survived by her daughter Martha (Greg) Schoonover of Adrian, son Thomas (Lynn) Wheelock of Iowa, Grandson Ryan Schoonover of Adrian, and Great Granddaughter Taylor. She is preceded in death by her parents Grete

and Hans Carl and her husband of 42 years Bernard Wheelock.

At her request cremation has taken place. Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Friday April 16, 2010 at the Wagley Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 17th at the Adrian First United Methodist Church starting at 11:00 AM, with a luncheon following the service. You may send condolences to the family at [www.wagleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.wagleyfuneralhome.com). In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Lenawee, the Adrian Symphony, or The Croswell Opera House.

# Previous Events

## Service

APR 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
1245 West Maple Avenue  
Adrian, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Else Wheelock*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Dear Tom and Marcia,  
I was very saddened to hear of the death of your mother. She was a very vibrant woman, with a beautiful smile, who took such good care of your dad. She had a full life, and it is hard to believe that she is gone. You have all my sympathy. God bless. Jeannine Pfeifer (used to be in Worldwide with your mom).##imported-begin##jeannine pfeifer##imported-end##*

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April 26, 2010 at 07:50 PM



“ *Marty, I called my mother a few days ago and was told the news about Else. When I heard the news my heart sank, even though she was just a small part of my life she made a big impact. I am sorry for my absence I wish I could be by your side! She will never be forgotten, her amazing smile will always be imprinted in my memories.##imported-begin##Andrew Wagley##imported-end##*

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April 24, 2010 at 11:32 AM



“ Marty:

*I am so sorry for your loss. When I talked to you at church in March you said your Mom was needing more of your care and attention. I do hope you had some good times with her. She was an amazing lady with a most interesting life. I know you will miss her terribly.*  
*Melissa Smith Stimson##imported-begin##Melissa Smith Stimson##imported-end##*

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April 18, 2010 at 05:10 PM



“ *I just heard about Else. I cannot believe it! She was a great person with great compassion. I am in shock I think! I am so sorry for the family's loss!!! I remember when my Uncle Jerry owned Jim Green's and I would stop in there on occasion to use the drinking fountain or bathroom, Else had a little space in a drawer where she had pennies and she'd let me get a penny for the gumball machine. Wow, other times she'd just remind me to "stay out of trouble." She always had a hug when I saw her and that is how I will always remember her!!!##imported-begin##Kim Hammerstein Martin##imported-end##*

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April 17, 2010 at 08:56 PM



“ Marty & Tom,

*I was at your Mothers funeral, and it was a perfect serman for her. She was everyone of those things the Pastor and Tom said about your Mother, and then some. She was a thoughtful, and Happy person,*  
*Phyllis Johnson*  
*She was a sub. for our pepper club.##imported-begin##Phyllis J. Johnson##imported-end##*

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April 17, 2010 at 05:10 PM



“ Dear Marty, I just returned from Alabama and heard the sad news. Please know that your mother was a good friend and is loved by all who knew her. She was a wonderful lady and I always enjoyed her company. There was many a time while waiting "my turn" at Bixby that she waited with me. I always looked for her first whenever I went for tests or lab work. She will be missed so very much. I love you and hope you are well, call if you want to talk. Love,  
Tonya###imported-begin##Tonya Braman###imported-end##

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April 17, 2010 at 01:19 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy. Else was a great lady! I enjoyed playing volleyball with her. Else's vibrant smile will be missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Tom and Marty.###imported-begin##Ed & Kris Foor###imported-end##

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April 17, 2010 at 10:48 AM



“ Marty and Tom; your heart felt sorry is felt by us as well for the loss of your mother, its never easy. I lost my mother a year ago and were blessed to have her for 96 years but we still miss her as I'm sure you do yours. I do remember your mom from Jim's and going from there to Hiney Fox's. It was nice to see and talk to at the Tip Top, I don't know if you know but my dad built the Tip Top so it was kinda like old times full circle thing-god bless Flip and Mary###imported-begin##Flip and Mary Halstead###imported-end##

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April 17, 2010 at 10:07 AM



“ Tom and Marty, please accept my heartfelt condolence. Though I am not there in person you are in my thoughta and prayers.##imported-begin##Doug Harrel##imported-end##

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April 17, 2010 at 09:42 AM



“ One of the last real Women/Lady. I know she will be missed by many. I cherish the years that we could kid with each other and the day she hugged me for quitting smokeing. Marty, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.##imported-begin##Doug Wing##imported-end##

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April 16, 2010 at 09:49 PM



“ Dear Marty and Tom: I was hoping to be back to see my dear friend Else before she passed. Unfortunately I won't be back in Michigan until tomorrow and will miss the visitation and service. I feel so badly. I tried to call you last night and this morning but didn't get an answer. I will always remember the laughs Else and I had together. We always had a good time. Especially our trip to AZ. I will miss her smiling face and her sense of humor. I didn't get a chance to say my "goodbye". I wish I could be there. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless!##imported-begin##Carol & Denis Jodis##imported-end##

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April 16, 2010 at 05:40 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss, what a terrific lady, I loved her. Knew her from curves and always discussed the young and the restless, i also volunterred with her at the hospital. I do hope she was at peace. All my prayers go out to your family. I will miss Else....##imported-begin##kyle warner##imported-end##

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April 16, 2010 at 05:20 PM



“ I have known Else several years, as she was a substitute for our card-playing group of ladies. She was a "bubbly", energetic person. She was always so positive about her golf game, her job at Curves, her work as a volunteer at the hospital and at the Croswell.

*It is so wonderful that memories can never be erased. I am sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Dee Ferguson##imported-end##*

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April 16, 2010 at 04:50 PM



“ I just loved visiting with Else. Once she decreased her hours at Curves, it wasn't the same. I eventually stopped going. And she was always so kind as a hospital escort. My first encounter with Else was when we moved in to the neighborhood. It was harvest season and my husband worked long hours at the elevator in Jasper. Else had not seen any activity at our house thus prompting her to see if we were alright. Bless her, I will never forget that. Memories are so precious!##imported-begin##Karen Roback##imported-end##

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April 16, 2010 at 02:44 PM



“ *Marti and family- I am so very sorry about the recent passing of your mom, what a wonderful lady she was and always such a joy to be around. Whether down to Curves or I use to play volleyball with her at the Y. She was a wonderful friend and will be greatly missed. Her Avon lady! We keep each other beautiful!##imported-begin##Pamela Guistino##imported-end##*

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April 16, 2010 at 10:57 AM



“ *Dear Martha and Tom,  
I was so..sorry to read of your Mother's death in The Toledo Blade this morning !  
My deceased husband (Fred) & his parents Elfrieda and Rudolf Hartkopf were close friends of the Carl family.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.  
Sincerely,  
Marjorie Hartkopf  
P.S. I certainly hope that your Mother did not have to suffer long before her death.##imported-begin##Marjorie Hartkopf##imported-end##*

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April 16, 2010 at 10:49 AM



“ It's hard for me to fathom Else being gone...she was always so vibrant and alive! I met Else when I joined Curves in 2002. I enjoyed our conversations there and we shared our love of "Dancing with the Stars" and "The Bachelor". The last time I spoke with her, she was already weak and failing, but she still wasn't happy with Jake's decision to pick Vienna! I will miss seeing her smile greeting me at the Croswell. I wanted to attend her funeral, but I won't be back in time from a Brittany transport. Else knew all about my love of dogs and how I volunteer for Brittany Rescue, so I'm sure she would understand....##imported-begin##Deb Strayer##imported-end##

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April 16, 2010 at 08:22 AM



“ Tom and Marty - I'm so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I know that she had been ill. I spent quite a bit of time with her years ago at the YMCA in the exercise and dance classes we took together. And many times saw her smiling face at Bixby Hospital greeting everyone. She also was a sub for me at my job at Wacker Silicones years ago while I went on vacation. Always remember her wonderful smile and happy disposition. She was treasured. Prayers to you and your family.##imported-begin##Diane Hurlbut##imported-end##

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April 15, 2010 at 04:46 PM



“ I just wanted to say I loved your mom. I was one of the CURVES girls she signed up several years ago. It was always a joy to workout when Else was in charge...and she was a stickler for doing the excercises correctly! I loved to hear her stories about your family vacations up north and she always had great recipes to share. I'm sure she will be sadly missed in this community and your family. God Bless you,  
Margaret Hukill##imported-begin##Margaret Hukill##imported-end##

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April 15, 2010 at 04:30 PM