



## Fern O. Trebilcock

April 7, 1919 - January 3, 2017

ADRIAN – Fern O. Trebilcock, age 97 of Adrian, passed away Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at Lenawee Medical Care Facility.

She was born April 7, 1919, in Tecumseh, to Alvah R. and Ruby A. (Johnson) Knight. Fern was a 1937 graduate of Adrian High School. She also attended Cleary College in Ypsilanti, Adrian College, and Siena Heights University. Fern began her employment as a secretary, but quickly advanced to the field of Social Work. She was a Certified Social Worker for the Adrian Training School and retired from the Michigan Department of Social Services in June 1982.

Fern met her husband, George E. Trebilcock, at Fort Custer in Battle Creek, while she was working in the office. On June 6, 1942, the couple married. They celebrated 27 years together. He preceded her in death December 28, 1969.

Fern was involved in numerous roles in her lifetime with the First Baptist Church as a Deaconess, clerk, teacher, historian and Mission Chairman, President of the American Baptist Women's Circle, Vice President of American Baptist Women for the State, a member of the State Executive Board, and part of the Mother's club when her children were younger. She was a member of American Business Women's Association, did volunteer work with Bixby Medical Center and First President of Service Wives Club

during WWII. She was a member of the Adrian First United Methodist Church. Fern also found the time to be a part of the Irish Hills Sweet Adelines and Red Hat Society. Hobbies included all types of crafts, walking and gardening. She enjoyed traveling with her family, outdoor picnics and was a known animal lover.

Fern is survived by her son William Trebilcock, and his wife, Susan of Coldwater, MI, and daughter-in-law Anita Allen of Adrian; Granddaughter, Angela Grimes, and her husband, Gary of Adrian; four great-grandchildren, Dane, Blake, Sydni and Kaitlyn Grimes of Adrian; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, George, she was preceded in death by her son Thomas Trebilcock; and siblings Ralph Knight and Helen Law.

Funeral services will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 7, 2017, at Wagley Funeral Home in Adrian with Rev. Chris Brundage officiating. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Friday, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and again on Saturday from 10:00 am until the time of the service.

Contributions in memory of Fern are suggested to Brookdale of Adrian. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

East Siena Heights Drive  
Adrian, MI 49221

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI 49221  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fern O. Trebilcock*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Fern O. Trebilcock.*



January 07, 2017 at 09:18 AM



“ *After Fern was retired from her job as a social worker she volunteered to share her skills and her Christian love for those in need by working with homeless families through LEAHC--Lenawee Emergency and Affordable Housing Corporation (now called HHL. Housing Help of Lenawee). Her positive energy, sensitivity, and wisdom were greatly needed and appreciated by the staff and the families with whom we worked. She is a great lady!!! Sincerely, Norma Dell, OP, first Director of LEAHC*

**Sister Norma Dell, OP** - January 06, 2017 at 02:17 PM

RA

“ Ronda Sivils (Brookdale Adrian) purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Fern O. Trebilcock.

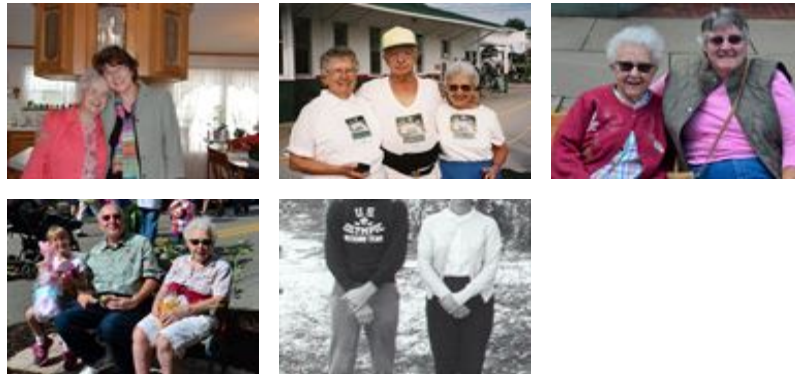


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**Ronda Sivils (Brookdale Adrian)** - January 05, 2017 at 04:21 PM



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**Wagley Funeral Home** - January 05, 2017 at 03:09 PM

RS

“ Ronda Sivils sent a virtual gift in memory of Fern O. Trebilcock



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**Ronda Sivils** - January 05, 2017 at 01:42 PM

RS

“ I've worked at Brookdale Adrian for a little more than 2 years now. I got to know Fern quite well over that time and we became fast friends. She was an amazing lady & I loved to hear stories from her childhood. This lady shyed away from nothing. She would try everything and anything and she amazed me every day. No one loved life more than Fern and we bonded over a deep love of animals.

Last summer she bought a butterfly cocoon from the Farmers just so she could see it emerge. The farmer told her the cocoon would turn black just before it was ready to break out. One day she came looking for me to tell me the cocoon was black and it could happen at any time. She was so excited and wanted to share that with me. So off we went, back to her apartment, hopefully to witness one of nature's small miracles. When we got there, this beautiful Monarch butterfly had just finished emerging from the cocoon. Fern was so disappointed and I felt bad because, had she not come looking for me, she would've gotten to see it. But, in true Fern fashion, she was happy that we were the first humans to see this beautiful little creature.

Brookdale Adrian will not be the same without her and I will forever miss a most special friend! Love You Fern!

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**Ronda Sivils** - January 05, 2017 at 01:36 PM

JF

“ Jim & Terry, Jason & Nicole & Family, Michelle & Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Fern O. Trebilcock.



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**Jim & Terry, Jason & Nicole & Family, Michelle & Family** -  
January 03, 2017 at 09:25 PM