



Arlene Ida Gerken

December 20, 1933 - March 18, 2024

Arlene Ida Gerken, 90, of Napoleon, passed away on Monday, March 18, 2024 at CHP Defiance Inpatient Hospice. She was born in Napoleon on December 20, 1933, to the late Theodor and Helen (Rosebrock) Meyer. On October 16, 1955, she married Wilfred Gerken at St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township.

Arlene was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township where she was active in the Ladies Aide and quilting groups. Her greatest love and joy was her family. She enjoyed having them close and cooking great family meals together.

Arlene is survived by her children, Sandy (Tom) VonDeylen, Stan (Cathy) Gerken, Sara (David) Myles, and Scott (Lori) Gerken; grandchildren, Cori (Adam) Niese, Haley (Dave) Buckmaster, Kylee (Kurtis) Staup, Alex (Crystal) Garcia, Jake (Marlea) Myles, Zach Gerken, Jordan (Alli) Myles, McKenzie (Kipp) McCann, Cody Gerken, Connor (Abbie) Gerken, Kayla (Alaric) Ashbaugh, Alex Gerken, and Lucas Gerken; great grandchildren, Ashton, Delilah, Owen, Xavier, Casen, Lyla, Keegan, Henley, Vayda, Lennon, Breckyn, Leo, David, Caroline, Harlow, Nolan, Jett, and one on the way; and sister, Irma Rohrs. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Wilfred; and great grandchildren, Lily, Eli, Katherine, Avery, and Bailey.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM.

Funeral services will be held at St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township, on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Interment will follow at the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. John Lutheran Church, or CHP Defiance Inpatient Hospice. Online condolences and messages may be shared at rodenbergergray.com.

Cemetery Details

St. John Lutheran Freedom Township Cemetery

16035 Co Rd U
Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Visitation

MAR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township
16035 County Road U
Napoleon, OH 43545

Funeral Service

MAR 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township
16035 County Road U
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall



“ *Amazing Grace 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Arlene Ida Gerken.*



March 25, 2024 at 10:00 AM



“ *Arlene was a beautiful person, both inside and out. Rupe and Rita Schweinhagen*

Rukpe and Rita Schweinhagen - March 22, 2024 at 10:37 AM



“ *TRULAND Equipment purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Arlene Ida Gerken.*



TRULAND Equipment - March 19, 2024 at 01:05 PM



“ *TRULAND Equipment planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arlene Ida Gerken.*

TRULAND Equipment - March 19, 2024 at 01:05 PM

JM

“ Jim G., The Myles', Jake and Maddie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arlene Ida Gerken.

Jim G., The Myles', Jake and Maddie - March 19, 2024 at 09:40 AM

JM

“ Jim G., The Myles', Jake and Maddie purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Arlene Ida Gerken.



Jim G., The Myles', Jake and Maddie - March 19, 2024 at 09:40 AM

DF

“ David Norden & Family purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Arlene Ida Gerken.



David Norden & Family - March 19, 2024 at 09:39 AM

JK

“ Jenna & Katelyn purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Arlene Ida Gerken.



Jenna & Katelyn - March 19, 2024 at 12:15 AM

TB

“ *The Family of Marlene Buchhop purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Arlene Ida Gerken.*



The Family of Marlene Buchhop - March 18, 2024 at 10:43 PM

KB

“ *Arlene was a lovely and kind person. I enjoyed working with her at Uhlmans.*

Karen Burditt - March 18, 2024 at 08:26 PM