



## Bernice C. Norden

October 29, 1922 - April 9, 2016

Bernice C. Norden, 93, of Defiance, Ohio died peacefully on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at the Henry County Hospital. She was born October 29, 1922 in Ridgeville Twp., Ohio to the late Alfred and Dora (Genter) Wendt. On February 14, 1942, she married Carl G. Norden at St. John Lutheran Church, Stryker and he preceded her in death on January 6, 2008.

Bernice was a devoted wife and mother who raised nine children in a loving home and helped her husband on the family farm. She was a terrific cook and wonderful baker. She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church - Adams Ridge and was a former member of its Ladies Aid. She was very proud of her family and deeply-loved spending her time with them.

She is survived by daughters; Marsha (Kenny) Drewes, Gwen (Randy) Mekus, Renee (Tim) Roberts, all of Defiance, Ohio, Deborah (Richard) Katon of Hillsdale, MI and Michelle (Greg) Hornish of Hicksville, Ohio, sons; Michael Norden (Vivian Allen) and Terry (Kathleen) Norden, both of Napoleon, Ohio, Randall Norden (Sandy Buchhop) of Ridgeville Corners, Ohio, and Tim (Linda) Norden of Defiance, Ohio, 23 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren with 3 more expected, and 3 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two daughters-in-law, Joyce and Judy Norden, a grandchild, Craig Osborn, and siblings, Vernon Wendt, Henrietta Knape, Lucille Craven, and Marion Kiefer.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 13 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church - Adams Ridge. Interment will follow at the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or CHP Defiance Area Hospice, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be made at [www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery - Adams Ridge Road

02499 Adams Ridge Road  
Defiance, OH 43512

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 12. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Napoleon Funeral Home  
1010 Westmoreland Avenue  
Napoleon, OH 43545  
(419) 592-2333  
[help@rodenbergergray.com](mailto:help@rodenbergergray.com)

## Visitation

APR 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Adams Ridge road)  
02454 Adams Ridge Road  
Defiance, OH 43512

## Service

APR 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Adams Ridge road)  
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# Tribute Wall

DB

“ So very sorry for your loss. Praying for comfort, peace and strength for you all at this difficult time.

Denise Brown - April 13, 2016 at 01:37 PM

GC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Gene & Louise Cordes



Gene & Louise Cordes - April 12, 2016 at 01:38 PM

MH

“ To the entire Norden family, our deepest sympathy in the passing of your Mom, Bernice.  
I will always remember what a beautiful lady, and great neighbor she was. We are not able to attend due to the death of my husbands mother and her funeral coinciding. Again our condolences.  
Maggie & Jim Huston

Margaret A Huston - April 12, 2016 at 11:26 AM

KK

“ Kevin, Angie, Kamryn and Halle Knape purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bernice C. Norden.



Kevin, Angie, Kamryn and Halle Knape - April 12, 2016 at 10:25 AM

CF

“ Our deepest sympathies are with your entire family. I know she will be greatly missed. My memories of Aunt Bernie are of her being kind, caring, hard working plus there always was lots of giggling when the sisters got together to perm each other's hair! Many blessings to you all. Cathy Craven Flachsbart

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**Cathy Craven Flachsbart** - April 11, 2016 at 09:44 PM

CB

“ You all have our condolences upon the death of your mom, our Aunt Benice.  
She is so fortunate to have lived a long life surrounded by her huge loving family.  
My memories include the family holiday get togethers at Grandma and Grandpa Wendt's farmhouse and the sisters all giggling and fussing in the kitchen!  
Also her legendary coffe cake, which I never managed to replicate in my kitchen!  
She and your dad certainly left a family full of love! Your cousin, Cindy(Craven) Beane

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**Cynthia Craven Beane** - April 11, 2016 at 03:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bernice C. Norden.



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April 11, 2016 at 11:11 AM

PM

“ *All of you have our deepest sympathy. Always loved talking to your mother in the grocery store.*

*Art and Pat Michaelis*

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**Pat Michaelis** - April 10, 2016 at 10:19 PM