



## Betty Lather

April 21, 1939 - February 26, 2025

Betty Lather, 85, of Napoleon passed away on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Napoleon, Ohio on April 21, 1939, to John and Margaret (Detmer) Funchion. Betty married Lawrence “Larry” Lather on September 29, 1958, in Napoleon. Betty worked in the office at Campbell’s Soup for 31 years. For many years, Betty volunteered her time to the Red Cross and blood mobiles. She tended bar at the Moose Lodge for 20 years and loved socializing with friends and patrons. She was an avid bowler for many years and traveled the states with her team. Betty loved spending time with her late husband, Larry, and family, at their cottage at Nettle Lake. Betty loved watching all sports, but mostly her Ohio State Buckeyes and Cleveland Indians. She enjoyed watching her sons, granddaughters and great grandkids play sports. When Betty wasn’t enjoying the outdoors, working, volunteering, or watching a sporting event, she was socializing and playing cards. She lived for family gatherings where she could cook and bake for her family and then rule the table during domino tournaments. Betty was the strong pillar of her family with her incredible love for life. She cared deeply for her many friends and family. Her spunk and humor will forever live in our hearts.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Larry; parents, John and Margaret Funchion, brother, Jim Funchion; and daughter-in-law, Beth Lather. She is survived by three sons, Larry (Lori Schuette), John (Jill Hersh-McGee), Dave Lather; six grandchildren, Brittini Lather (Ron Patton), Brandi (Brian)

Prather, Amanda (Chris) Cody, Jenna Lather (Benny Gomez), Drew Lather, Taelor Lather; and six great grandchildren, Zane Mengerink-Lather, Callie, Kennedy, Karsyn Prather, and Dominic and Hanley Cody.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Sunday, March 2, 2025, from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Heartland Hospice, Red Cross, or Moose Lodge #788. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Riverview Memory Gardens

29321 County Rd 424  
Defiance, OH 43512

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 2. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

MAR 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

MAR 3. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

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



# Tribute Wall



“ Garden Accent - "Perhaps the stars..." was purchased for the family of Betty Lather.



March 11, 2025 at 12:28 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Betty Lather.



March 03, 2025 at 07:44 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Betty Lather.

March 03, 2025 at 07:44 AM



“ she was a wonderful lady who always had a smile & she could sell u anything our condolences to all of her family . john & beth chick

john chick - March 02, 2025 at 12:47 PM

TC

“ Betty was the best sister-in-law you could ask for. Over the years we had so many fun times.  
Her sons and their families were her life.  
She will be missed. RIP dear Betty 🙏  
Teresa (Lather) and Wayne Colby

Teresa (Larher) Colby - March 02, 2025 at 09:20 AM

DB

“ Betty was a great friend of cookie&me she will be missed very much by her family also.

dave bost - February 28, 2025 at 05:47 PM

LM

“ Linda S Magnan purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Betty Lather.



Linda S Magnan - February 28, 2025 at 03:37 PM

SM

“ Shirley Maynard purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Betty Lather.



Shirley Maynard - February 28, 2025 at 03:16 PM

KD

“ *Katie Dyer purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Betty Lather.*



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**Katie Dyer** - February 28, 2025 at 09:31 AM

KD

“ *Katie Dyer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Lather.*

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**Katie Dyer** - February 28, 2025 at 09:31 AM

RL

“ *What a special lady. What an honor to be able to know her for almost 70 years. To know her laugh and smile was truly heart warming. She loved to talk about her boys and grandkids with a twinkle in her smile and love in her voice. You will be missed. I love you deeply, your brother-in-law, Ron & Lorely Lather*

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**Ron Lather** - February 27, 2025 at 02:54 PM

MS

“ *Melissa, Raquel, Steph, & Steph purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Betty Lather.*



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**Melissa, Raquel, Steph, & Steph** - February 27, 2025 at 01:13 PM

FA

“ From all of us at GBP - Archbold purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Betty Lather.



From all of us at GBP - Archbold - February 27, 2025 at 10:14 AM

JL

“ Betty was a strong partner to my brother, Larry. I remember many pleasant times spent at both their home and lake setting. May she rest in peace. Jim Lather. brother-in-law., Albuquerque, New Meico

James (jim) E Lather - February 27, 2025 at 09:49 AM

TC

What a joy it was to have Betty as a sister-in-law. My brother, Larry, was a lucky man! Betty loved her sons, their spouses, grand and great grandchildren to the fullest.  
Rest in Peace, dear Betty 🙏💕  
Teresa and Wayne Colby  
Gonic, New Hampshire

Teresa (Larher) Colby - February 28, 2025 at 11:36 AM

DF

“ Dan & Laura Rosebrock and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Betty Lather.



Dan & Laura Rosebrock and family - February 27, 2025 at 09:29 AM

DF

“ *Dan & Laura Rosebrock and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Lather.*

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**Dan & Laura Rosebrock and family** - February 27, 2025 at 09:29 AM

DR

“ *Great Christmas Day tradition family memories will never be forgotten! And always a joyful smile and welcome from Betty*

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**Daniel Rosebrock** - February 27, 2025 at 09:26 AM