



## Burk Joella

June 2, 2008

JoElla "Jo" Burk, 87, of Napoleon, died Monday, June 2, 2008 at the Golden Living Center - Northcrest in Napoleon, Ohio. She was born July 13, 1920 in Holgate, Ohio to the late Claude and Jenny (Clapper) Ruch. On May 5, 1940, she married Martin Burk at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon. He preceded her in death on April 9, 1990. JoElla was a member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon. She was a member, president, secretary, and treasurer of St. Paul Mission Society, where she helped with meals and encouraged the development of the Trinity Center. She was Executive Director of the Henry County Chapter of the American Red Cross for seventeen years. During that time she founded the Gray Lady program at Heller Memorial Hospital of Napoleon, which remains active at the Henry County Hospital, and is the only known active group in the U.S. She was a charter member of the Henry County Emergency Medical Service, where she and was secretary for thirteen years; Investigator for the Henry County Human Services Department for seven years; member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 300 of Napoleon, where she was Secretary, Chaplain, and Membership Chairman; Charter President and Vice President of the Public Employees Retirement Group for Henry County; and member of the Scenic Riverview Group. She also was President of the resident's council at the Golden Living Center – Northcrest, where she lived the last few years of her life. She is survived by two daughters, Janet "Petey" (Marv) Lanzer of Napoleon, and Cheryl "Cherry" (Lynn) Clymer of Jackson, New Jersey; 5

grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by a great granddaughter, Rebecca Lanzer, and brother, Eugene Ruch. Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon with Pastor Peter Marcis officiating. Interment will follow at the Glenwood Cemetery in Napoleon, Ohio. Visitation is 2-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the Rodenberger Funeral in Napoleon, and 1 hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday. The family suggests memorial donations to American Red Cross, St. Paul Lutheran Church, or a charity of the donor's choice.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Petey, Very sorry to hear of your mother's passing no matter how old it's not easy. Mary Ann sent the notice. I will send the obit to my mother(90 this year). I hope to see you in 2010. Would like to hear from you. Roger* *##imported-begin##Roger Aderman##imported-end##*

June 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Burk Family: Sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother. She lived a long and contributing life to her family and to Society. She will be missed.* *##imported-begin##Bill Whitaker##imported-end##*

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“ *##imported-begin##David And Joyce West##imported-end##*

June 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Cherry & Family I was saddened to hear that you lost your mother. Please know that I'm thinking of you and your family at this sad time and will keep you and your family in my prayers. Deepest Sympathy, Wanda Belt* *##imported-begin##Wanda Belt##imported-end##*

June 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Cherry and Hondo, Our condolences on the passing of your mother. Jim* *##imported-begin##Jim Whitaker##imported-end##*

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“ My sincere condolences on your loss - Mike##imported-begin##Michael Hill##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts are wih you during this trying time.##imported-begin##Luis And Ana Camacho##imported-end##

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“ ##imported-begin##John Shappee##imported-end##

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“ Cherry, To you and your family I offer my sincere sympathies. After reading about your mom it was obvious she was an amazing women that was constantly on the move trying to improve other peoples lives. I got tired just reading about all of the thing that she was a part of. Hope that you soon can find comfort in her lose in the way that she lived her life and the memories that were created. You're all in mine and my families prayers for your loss. Kind regards,josh##imported-begin##Joshua Wolff##imported-end##

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“ Cherry - All the words in the world could not express the sorrow Don and I are feeling for you and your family during this most difficult time. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.Langlie, Don, & Baby Nicole##imported-begin##Langlie Schneider##imported-end##

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