



Byrde Thielman

July 25, 1933 - July 4, 2025

Byrde June Thielman, 91, of Napoleon, OH, went home to the Lord on Friday, July 4, 2025. She was born on July 25, 1933, in Wauseon, OH, to the late Everett and Myrtle (Mortz) Demaline. On September 26, 1954, she married the love of her life, Walter Thielman, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Freedom Township, and he preceded her in death on November 13, 2006.

She was a faithful member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon. Byrde was part of the church choir and was a founding member of the lady's guild for the church. She had a very creative mind which later led her to also become a member of the Toledo Museum of Art. She would often paint with watercolors and buy and sell antiques to keep busy. Byrde was an avid gardener, and it was her favorite past time. Her garden also found a spot in the Napoleon Garden Tour as she took so much pride in it. She also made time for sports in her busy life. Byrde loved to play tennis in her spare time and was part of the Napoleon Tennis League. She was also a member of Wauseon Racket Club in her past years. She was an active member of the Henry County Historical Society and the Bloomfield house.

Byrde is survived by her children, Bill (Lori) Thielman, and Doug (Ann) Thielman; grandchildren, Thomas, Julie, Nicholas, Arianna, Matthew, and Michael. She is preceded in death by her parents Everett and Myrtle; her husband, Walter; and siblings, Phyllis VonDeylan and Roland Demaline.

A memorial service will be held for Byrde at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon, on Friday, July 11, 2025, at 12 p.m., with a memorial gathering from

10:30 a.m. until the time of services. Interment will follow at Glenwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made out to St. Paul Lutheran Church or School. Online condolences may also be left for the family at www.rodembergergray.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon.

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Cemetery

Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JUL 11. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
1075 Glenwood Ave
Napoleon, OH 43545

Memorial Service

JUL 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SD

“ Always enjoyed my visits with Byrde and was honored to take part in her care! Such a beautiful lady, inside and out!!

Sharon Damman - July 10, 2025 at 03:16 PM

JH

“ To the Thielman family,
I am so sorry for your loss and share in your sorrow. Bryde and I were high school friends. Although I moved to California , we remained in contact with my Ohio visits, telephone calls, letters, and high school reunions. Bryde was always a fun-loving friend with all her creativeness - cherished memories remain in my heart. It is a comfort to know God's love and the hope of life everlasting. My deepest sympathy, Jo Hocutt

Jo Hocuttj - July 09, 2025 at 08:45 PM

SD

“ Special memories of our coffee time chats.

Sue Dishop - July 09, 2025 at 01:26 AM

LJ

“ Love, Grace and Julia purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Byrde Thielman.



Love, Grace and Julia - July 08, 2025 at 08:38 PM

LL

“ Linda (Fetter) & Brian Lester planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Byrde Thielman.

Linda (Fetter) & Brian Lester - July 08, 2025 at 12:53 PM

LL

“ Linda (Fetter) & Brian Lester purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Byrde Thielman.



Linda (Fetter) & Brian Lester - July 08, 2025 at 12:53 PM

MI

“ Mainthia Technologies, Inc. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Byrde Thielman.



Mainthia Technologies, Inc. - July 07, 2025 at 04:45 PM