



## Carol A. Gerken

March 15, 1936 - February 4, 2016

Carol Ann Gerken, 79, of Deshler, Ohio died Thursday night, February 4, 2016 at Bridge Hospice Care Center, Bowling Green, Ohio.

She was born March 15, 1936 in Monroe Township, Malinta, Ohio to the late Byron and Hallie (Long) Willford. On November 13, 1954 she married Ronald Gerken and they shared over 61 years of marriage.

Carol was a 1954 graduate of Malinta-Grelton High School. She was a dedicated homemaker and loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was a former member of Hope Lutheran Church, Hamler and current member of St. John Lutheran Church, Deshler where she was a Sunday School Teacher and member of the Dorcas Society.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald; children, Susan (Kenneth) Brooks, Pandora, Ohio; James (Joann) Gerken, Deshler; John (Mary Jean) Gerken, Union, Kentucky; 5 grandchildren, Andrew Brooks; Kathryn (Jeremiah) Brown; Steven (Allison) Gerken; Scott Gerken; Samantha Gerken; 4 great grandchildren, Carter, Molly, Kenzie, Cooper; and brother, Fredric (Voleta) Willford, Findlay, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Steven William Gerken and two brothers, Robert and James Willford.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. on Monday at St. John Lutheran Church, Deshler with Rev. James Wenger officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be 2-6 p.m., Sunday at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Deshler

and 10-11 a.m., Monday prior to the services at church.

The family suggests memorials to Bridge Hospice or Donor's Choice.

[www.rodembergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rodembergerfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery

St. Rt. 65  
Deshler, OH 43516

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 7. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

FEB 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church, Deshler  
St. Rt. 65 & Rd. G  
Deshler, OH 43516

## Service

FEB 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

 Paula  
Cole

“ A very nice family, would gather with us to celebrate birthdays, at the farm in Custar. So many good memories. Carol was a very loving Sunday School teacher. Her family is proud, I am sure. Paula Fintel-Cole

Paula Cole - February 09, 2016 at 02:15 PM

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“ I have many fond memories of Carol and the Gerken family. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Take comfort that she is in a better place and hopefully giving our papa some company. Love you all, Amy

Amy Deason - February 07, 2016 at 04:47 PM

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“ We are out of town so will not be able to come. Our sincere sympathy for your loss and prayers coming your way.



Kathy Lieb - February 07, 2016 at 10:18 AM

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“ Carol and Ron will always be very special to me. They raised amazing and wonderful children. I enjoyed coming to their home. Sue, Ron, and siblings our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss. I pray that your faith and memories help keep you strong. With love, Ken and Val

Valerie Schulze - February 06, 2016 at 08:37 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. We shared a lot of laughs at the Hamler Diner and along the road while they were farming on 18. I am sorry we cannot be there - but you are all in our prayers.*

*Jon and Kim Lange*

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**Kim Lange** - February 06, 2016 at 11:38 AM