



Catharine Laurella Johnson

March 29, 1917 - July 19, 2017

Catharine Laurella Johnson passed away July 19, 2017, at Alpine Village's assisted living facility in Napoleon, Ohio, with her family by her side. She celebrated her 100th birthday with 150 close friends and family on March 29. Born in the McClure home of her parents, Guy and Lena (Schlotz) Shaffer, she was predeceased by her parents, brother Robert Shaffer, son-in-law Derry Middleton and her husband Ivan (Bud) Johnson with whom she was married 52 years before his death in 1989.

Her children Ruth (Chuck) Labie (Napoleon), Janice Middleton (Wyandotte, MI), Nancy (Chuck) Haton (Palm Bay, FL), Carol (Rex) Mason (Waterville), Phil (Linda) Johnson (Napoleon) and their families were her greatest delight. She was blessed with seven grandchildren, Tim (Julie) Labie, Shelby (Mike) Rasey, Sheila Labie, Cara (Mark) Hurliman, Greg (Amy) Middleton, Janell (Jeff) Miller, and Jeff (Emily) Mason; great-grandchildren Ashley, Zachary, Cameron, Brandon, Madison, Brady, Luke, Maya, Layne, Nora, Blake; and great-great-grandchildren Wrenly and Archie; step granddaughter, Nell (Ed) Micich; step great grandchildren, Phoebe and Skylar. Her brother, James (Marilyn) Shaffer (Harrod, OH) survives also. She passed on to her family her love of God, of country living, gardening, church organist, church involvement, card playing and music. When her children were in school, she supported the band mothers and PTA and was a 4-H advisor. She loved traveling and riding through the countryside. She graduated from McClure H.S. in 1936, was a homemaker, raised chickens and sold eggs, worked seasonal at Campbell's

Soup Company and was an employee of Weasel Radishes in McClure. The memories of her past 100 years have been passed on through the many journals she has kept and during her daily sitting on the porch at Alpine Village.

Many thanks to the wonderful staff at Alpine Village who treated Catharine and her family like family for the last nine years. They will be a special part of our memories.

Visitation will be Saturday, July 22 at 2-8 p.m. at Rodenberger Funeral Home, McClure and at 1 p.m. on Sunday at the church. Her celebration of life will be at St. Paul Lutheran Church, McClure on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Box 221, McClure, or to Genacross Lutheran Services (Alpine Village), 1036 S. Perry Street, Napoleon, 43545.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **22**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McClure Funeral Home
310 Frank Street
McClure, OH 43534
(419) 748-8011
help@rodenbergergray.com

Celebration of Life Service

JUL **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, McClure
155 Depot St.
McClure, OH 43534

Visitation

JUL **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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155 Depot St.
McClure, OH 43534

Tribute Wall

FF

“ *Frances Fuller & Family lit a candle in memory of Catharine Laurella Johnson*



Frances Fuller & Family - July 25, 2017 at 01:47 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Catharine Laurella Johnson.*



July 22, 2017 at 11:17 AM

BK

“ *Dear Family of Catherine,
We are so sorry for your loss. Catharine was such a beautiful Christian lady. We all loved her. She will certainly be missed. So happy that she got to live to be 100 and celebrate that with all of you. She dearly loved her family. Now she is with her beloved Savior. We thank God for her life and legacy. She blessed us all. May God give you comfort and peace.
The family of Lois Huber*

Becky Kellum - July 21, 2017 at 07:59 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Catharine Laurella Johnson.*



July 21, 2017 at 04:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Catharine Laurella Johnson.*



July 21, 2017 at 11:36 AM



“ *Darlyn & Jack Shumaker lit a candle in memory of Catharine Laurella Johnson*



Darlyn & Jack Shumaker - July 21, 2017 at 10:12 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catharine Laurella Johnson.*



July 21, 2017 at 08:57 AM

DO

“ *DONLEY lit a candle in memory of Catharine Laurella Johnson*



DONLEY - July 21, 2017 at 07:50 AM

DO

May she fly high with the angels.

DONLEY - July 21, 2017 at 07:51 AM

HW

“ *HW lit a candle in memory of Catharine Laurella Johnson*



HW - July 21, 2017 at 06:56 AM

AN

“ *Angie lit a candle in memory of Catharine Laurella Johnson*



angie - July 21, 2017 at 06:05 AM

JC

“ Catherine was such a kind soul. She loved her family dearly and her family is amazing. God bless you all and keep sharing the memories. The family should be proud of the wonderful frequent visits you shared with her. I will miss seeing her and all of you at Alpine.



Janelle Cline - July 20, 2017 at 06:36 PM

DR

“ Ruth, Jan, Nancy, Carol, Phil and families. You have our deepest sympathy, condolences, and prayers. You were blessings to your mother. We know you are comforted knowing your Mom is with her savior.



Darrel and Sharon Rettig - July 20, 2017 at 06:16 PM

BS

“ Brad Shaffer lit a candle in memory of Catharine Laurella Johnson



Brad Shaffer - July 20, 2017 at 05:04 PM

SK

“ Shelby Knott lit a candle in memory of Catharine Laurella Johnson



Shelby Knott - July 20, 2017 at 05:02 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Catharine Laurella Johnson.*



July 20, 2017 at 04:54 PM



“ *Pam B lit a candle in memory of Catharine Laurella Johnson*



Pam B - July 20, 2017 at 04:03 PM



Fly high little Catharine; we love you 💕💕

Pam B - July 20, 2017 at 04:05 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I enjoyed taking care of Catherine for many years at Alpine. She was a real treasure and a very kind hearted genuine lady. She always had a smile and a thoughtful word for everyone who cared for her there. She will be greatly missed!!*

angie - July 20, 2017 at 03:35 PM