



## Donna J. Peper

November 21, 1927 - March 31, 2018

Donna J. Peper, 90, of Napoleon died peacefully on Saturday, March 31, 2018, at Genacross Lutheran Home. She was born on November 21, 1927, in Swanton, Ohio to the late Jesse and Hilda (Berkebile) Bloom. She married Edmund G. "Jim" Peper, Jr., of Holgate on March 18, 1956, in Swanton.

Donna was a graduate of Swanton High School and the Elkhart Business College, Indiana. Prior to her marriage and starting her family, she worked in medical dictation and the Pathology Department at University Hospital at The Ohio State University. After years of raising her children, she went on to work at United Way of Henry County as an administrative assistant. She was a faithful member of Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon, and was involved in a variety of activities there.

Donna loved spending time with family and traveling, especially on summer trips to the Outer Banks of North Carolina. She also liked spending time at Devils/Round Lakes in Michigan, a tradition she began as a child with her mother and siblings and carried on with her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed cheering for the Ohio State Buckeyes and attended football games for decades with her husband, and even attended the famous 1950 Ohio State-Michigan game known as the Snow Bowl. For more than 40 years she walked daily with her close group of friends. She loved playing cards with her friends, as well as playing games with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Ed; children, Melissa (Dan) Peper Firestone, Christian (Maureen) Peper, Emily (Kurt) Tempel, and her Belgian exchange-student son Luc (Susan) Dendievel; her grandchildren, Carson and Wyeth Firestone; Greg (Emily), Jenna, Victoria, and Theresa Peper; Quinn, Hannah, and Olivia Tempel; Derek, Bryan, Tyler and Kevin Dendievel; her great grandchildren, Simme and Nio Dendievel; and her sister, Gwentyth L. Mosiniak. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Sarah J. Peper, and

her brother, Harold A. Bloom.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon. Internment will be private and held at a later date.

Visitation will be held Friday, April 6, 2018, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to Emanuel Lutheran Church or to the United Way of Henry County, c/o Tom Mack.

Online condolences can be made at [www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 6. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

APR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Emanuel Lutheran Church  
Napoleon, OH 43545

# Tribute Wall

KD

“ Despite having only visited a handful of times, we'll cherish fond memories of Grandma Peper for a lifetime.

Kevin D. - April 09, 2018 at 06:01 PM

LR

“ My prayers are with the entire family. I remember Donna from when I was growing up - and always admired her for being so calm in the midst of all the kids.

Linda (Mader) Rettig - April 07, 2018 at 12:31 AM

TD

“ deep condolences to the family, will never forget the moments we visited from Belgium and had a great time with grandma

Tyler Dendievel - April 06, 2018 at 03:50 PM

LP

“ In God's arms she rests peacefully. May His grace embrace you through this difficult journey. Hugs! Tony and Lee Ann Paszkiewicz

Lee Ann Paszkiewicz - April 06, 2018 at 02:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donna J. Peper.



April 06, 2018 at 09:44 AM

PM

“ JIM-OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY ON YOUR LOSS.PAUL AND MARY MEYER

PAUL MEYER - April 05, 2018 at 08:01 PM

JS

“ Sincere condolences to the whole family! So very sorry for your loss! Sincerely, Jan and John Stover

jan stover - April 05, 2018 at 01:05 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna J. Peper.*



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April 05, 2018 at 12:22 PM

KM

“ *So many happy memories of Christmas nights shared with the Peper Family, 4th of July horseshoe tournaments and Donna's backyard fireworks and of course, Ohio State Football games!*

*The Muehlfelds, Keith, Karen, Justin and Megan*

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**Keith Muehlfeld** - April 04, 2018 at 04:30 PM

KF

“ *Keith and Karen Muehlfeld and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donna J. Peper.*



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**Keith and Karen Muehlfeld and Family** - April 04, 2018 at 04:15 PM

BD

“ *Barb N Jack D'Angelo lit a candle in memory of Donna J. Peper*



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**Barb n Jack D'Angelo** - April 04, 2018 at 12:08 PM

AM

“ Dear family,  
Dear Susan & Luc,

*Our sincere condolences on the passing of Mrs Peper.  
We all share the pain of seeing loved ones fade and then pass away.  
It is the sad phase of life  
May Mrs Peper be at peace now.*

*William and Anita Van Mieghem-Meuwissen  
Antwerp, Belgium*

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**ANITA MEUWISSEN** - April 04, 2018 at 10:25 AM

BN

“ Sending condolences from Belgium to the Peper family.  
Leo and Barbara Noels, friends of Luc and Susan

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**Barbara Noels** - April 04, 2018 at 07:11 AM

DC

“ So many memories of such a wonderful person ... love her dearly and I will take  
so much of who she was and how she loved life with me in the future years ! RIP  
Aunt Donna 🙏💕💕

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**Donna Cole** - April 03, 2018 at 10:28 PM

PM

“ Knowing Donna was a gift that we will always be grateful for and smile about. She  
was a very dear friend and we were able to make many good memories the past  
several years that we will always cherish.

*Our sympathy goes out to Ed and all of the family as we know she will be greatly  
missed.*

*Sincerely - Paul & Betty Mowery*

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**Paul & Betty Mowery** - April 03, 2018 at 02:00 PM

JW

“ Our heartfelt sympathy for the loss of such a bright light in the lives of so many. My Mother ( Margaret Starkey) use to look forward to her walks with "Her Glrls" every morning around the subdivision, and she also looked forward to those card games together. Donna was a very special and kind lady. Mr. Peper, you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God's peace surround you and all your family.



*Tim and Janien Starkey Wertz*

Janien Wertz - April 03, 2018 at 10:57 AM

DJ

“ My deepest sympathies at the passing of Donna.

*Diann Michaelis Johnson*

Diann Michaelis Johnson - April 03, 2018 at 04:15 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna J. Peper.



April 02, 2018 at 11:51 PM

JS

“ Prayers and condolences to the Peper family. You are all in our prayers.

*The Snoad Family*



John Snoad - April 02, 2018 at 01:23 PM

PB

“ Pam Bruns lit a candle in memory of Donna J. Peper



Pam Bruns - April 02, 2018 at 01:12 PM

PB

*I enjoyed visiting with her while she was at Alpine! You're in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Pam Bruns** - April 02, 2018 at 01:14 PM

TB

*A beautiful lady inside and out! Prayers and sympathy to the entire Peper family!*

**Tom & Joan Baughman** - April 02, 2018 at 08:37 PM

MJ

*Such a nice person ..prayers to the family*

**Martin Jackson** - April 03, 2018 at 07:29 AM

GW

*I had the pleasure of talking with Donna at the Alpine. I could tell she was a beautiful person both inside and out! Prayers for peace for the Paper family.*

**George and Elaine Wells** - April 04, 2018 at 07:42 AM

BD

*Your family is in our thoughts and prayers!*

**Barb n Jack D'Angelo** - April 04, 2018 at 12:06 PM

KM

*Dear Melissa and family*

*I share in your loss and remembering you in my prayers. Thought of you this morning at sunrise. Peace to you my friend.*

*Love in Christ*

*Karen Meyer*

**Karen Meyer** - April 05, 2018 at 10:40 AM