



## Doris Edna Kuesel

May 28, 1933 - August 28, 2021

Doris Edna Kuesel, 88, of Malinta, Ohio was surrounded by her family when she went to rest with the Lord on August 28, 2021. She was born in Malinta on May 28, 1933 to William and Louise (Yungmann) Meienburg. On June 10, 1951 she married the love of her life, William “Willie” Kuesel, who preceded her in death in 1988. Together, they raised three children and spent their lifetimes toiling on the family farms. Doris spent the last 33 years telling stories about Willie, always with a tear in her eye and a smile on her face.

Doris loved God and her family deeply and she showed it through her everyday actions. She used her hands to serve, perpetually caring for her home, the farm and others. She was happiest when she was gardening, cooking, farming, driving tractors and trucks alongside her son, listening to her son-in-law play guitar and visiting her daughter in California. Her Mickey Mouse-shaped pancakes are world-renowned, according to her grandkids. She was a seven-decade member of St. John Lutheran Church in Deshler.

Doris was a quiet force in the family, never one to draw attention to herself. That’s why some may not know of her focused pursuit of video poker and slot machine jackpots or her regular trips to Vegas with Willie and then her friend Luetta. She even surprised her family when, at the age of 83, she inspired her granddaughters to get a tattoo. For the record, Doris went first.

While she and Willie instilled a strong work ethic in multiple generations of Kuesels, they also taught their family how to love and, in doing so, how to laugh so hard that you end up crying.

She is survived by her sister, Ruth Smith of Delta; her sister-in-law Norma Kuesel of Deshler; her children Dianne (Mike) Adkins of Camden, MI; Bob (Mary) of Malinta; Tina (Ed) Rodriguez of Clovis, CA; her grandchildren: Ty (Heather) Adkins, Tennille (Josh) Fenstermaker, Tosha (Mike) Burger, Sondra (Eric) Miller, Sarah (Tommy) Baker, Andrea (Adam) Wensink, Lucas and Lance Rodriguez, Jeff and Eric (Grace) Sullivan; 13 great-grandchildren and her treasured friend Bianca Vogel.

She was preceded in death by her sister-in-law Erika Cordes; brothers-in-law Delbert Cordes, Werner Badenhop, Otto Kuesel Jr. and Ralph Smith; and daughter-in-law Virlinda Kuesel.

Doris' family will receive friends and family at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Thursday, September 16, 2021 from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM. A celebration of life service will be held on Friday, September 17, 2021 at 11:00 AM at St. John Lutheran Church, Deshler with Rev. James Wenger officiating. Memorial gifts may be made to St. John Lutheran Church or Putnam County Hospice. Online messages and condolences may be shared with the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery

St. Rt. 65  
Deshler, OH 43516

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

SEP **16**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon  
1010 Westmoreland Avenue  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## Memorial Service

SEP **17**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ To all the beloved family of Doris, I send my heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your precious Doris. She was a real trooper and her determined nature over her years of illness certainly was a testimony to her faith in God and her complete trust in His divine provision. I'll never forget her toughness in helping with all the farm chores as well as all the handicrafts and cooking she excelled in. She was surely a "chip off the old block" of another tough lady I know in Aunt Louise! She knew how to love WELL and I know without a doubt that her love for all of you enriched and broadened your lives. She left a wonderful legacy in every one of you! Enjoy the memories of your great lady!

*May she rest peacefully and joyfully in the arms of her Lord and Savior!*

*Your cousin, Irma Jean*

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**Irma Hoop** - September 25, 2021 at 09:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Doris Edna Kuesel.*



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September 13, 2021 at 01:17 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Doris Edna Kuesel.*



September 09, 2021 at 12:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Doris Edna Kuesel.*



September 08, 2021 at 11:32 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Doris Edna Kuesel.*



September 08, 2021 at 02:34 PM



“ *Martinez, Fiscal & Hernandez Families purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Doris Edna Kuesel.*



**Martinez, Fiscal & Hernandez Families** - September 07, 2021 at 06:04 PM

RM

“ *Ramiro Martinez purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Doris Edna Kuesel.*



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**Ramiro Martinez** - September 07, 2021 at 12:10 AM

KL

“ *Diane, Bob and Tina, My prayers are with you all at this time. May you find comfort that she is now with Willie and will be a guardian angel for you all.*



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**Kathy Lieb** - September 04, 2021 at 11:44 PM

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“ *Tina, Ed, and family, I am sorry to hear of Mrs. Kuesel's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Suzette Whetro*

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**Suzette Whetro** - September 04, 2021 at 01:11 PM

 Jenni Godeke

“ *I am so sorry to hear that Doris passed away. She will be deeply missed by everyone she came in contact with. I was very glad to have known her.*

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**Jenni Godeke** - September 03, 2021 at 09:18 PM

TS

“ *Sending our deepest sympathies to Doris's family. (Ralph Smith's stepdaughter)*

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**Tim and Ella Shelley** - September 01, 2021 at 10:53 AM

PH

“ *The Staff of Putnam Co Hospice sends our deepest sympathy for your loss. We will keep Doris and all her family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.* ”



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**Putnam Co Hospice** - August 31, 2021 at 10:19 AM