



## Elfrieda Elizabeth Spencer

September 23, 1924 - July 13, 2020

Elfrieda Elizabeth Spencer, 95, of Napoleon passed away on Monday, July 13, 2020. She was born in Freedom Township on September 23, 1924 to Carl and Caroline (Gebers) Riefers. Elfrieda married Wayne Spencer on June 17, 1945 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Freedom Township.

She was a graduate of Ridgeville High School and attended college in Fort Wayne. Elfrieda enjoyed working as a secretary and administrative assistant for a few different businesses but is best known as the secretary at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon. She was involved in the church choir, Sunday school program, past president of the Ohio District Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), and the Seminary Guild of Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne. Elfrieda enjoyed being involved in the local art as well, having acted in a local production of Fiddler on the Roof and the Music Man and was a member of the Henry County Concert Association. She was an avid reader and tutored in the Laubach Literacy Program. Elfrieda liked to travel all over North and South America and even several countries in Europe. Her greatest treasure is her family and she loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Elfrieda is survived by her children, David (Margaret Ann); Gary (Charlene); Cathy (Robert) Jones, and Mark (Denise); grandchildren, Mark Spencer, Stephen (Jennifer) Spencer, Stephanie Jones, Jonathan Spencer, Susanna Spencer, Cale Spencer; great grandchildren, Raylan and Llewyn Spencer, and sister Norma Arlene (Robert) Freytag. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Wayne; grandson, Nicholas Jones, and sister, Welma (Ernest) Miller.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home on Thursday, July 16, 2020 from 3 PM until 7 PM. Visitation will continue Friday, July 17, 2020 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon from 10 AM until time of services at 11 AM. Interment will follow at Glenwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Church or the LWML. Online condolences may be shared at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com).

Due to the current conditions surrounding COVID-19, please observed social distancing, masks are not mandatory, but are suggested. Live streaming of services will be available at [www.stpaulnapoleon.org](http://www.stpaulnapoleon.org)

# Cemetery Details

## Glenwood Cemetery

Napoleon, OH 43545

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

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

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

## Public Viewing

**JUL 17.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

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

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

# Tribute Wall

CS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn Elfrieda's passing. I just learned of her passing when my Christmas card was returned as undeliverable. I was fortunate to know Elfrieda through my membership in IAAP since 1977. We worked on many committees together and modeled in the style shows to raise money for the chapter's scholarship fund. She was such a nice lady and I was glad to count her among my friends. She always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. I am a better person for having known her and I will miss her.

We also shared another connection, Paul and Caroline Holls were our neighbors in Wauseon for many years.

Again my condolences to the family.

Cora and Art Shaffer

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**Cora F Shaffer** - January 31, 2021 at 03:41 PM

AB

“ Elfrieda was a dear friend to my parents Paul and Anita Kimble and welcomed them into her home and church family when they moved to Napoleon. To me, she was a dear sister District President when we served together on the National LWML Board. She was a wonderful example of a kind, caring nurturing woman who dearly loved to serve our Lord. May God comfort all who loved her, Anita L Beyersdorf

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**Anita Beyersdorf** - July 18, 2020 at 01:04 PM

LF

“ Cathy, my deepest condolences on the loss of your Mom!! Best wishes to you and all of you family.  
Love, Linda Lester

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**Linda Fetter** - July 15, 2020 at 10:04 PM

LL

“ Cathy, deepest condolences on the loss of your Mom!! Best wishes, Linda Lester

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**Linda Lester** - July 15, 2020 at 09:43 PM

GH

“ Dear Dave and Marge: Our sincere condolences to you and family members at this stressful moment...in her 95 years here on God's green earth, she accomplished many tasks, and none so great as raising a wonderful family...there is so much to be grateful for, especially now that she is in the arms of Jesus...Warmest Regards, Gordon and Joanie Hauglie

Godon and Joanie Hauglie - July 15, 2020 at 07:58 PM

CC

“ Gary and family, our sincere condolences on the passing of you mom. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.  
Lynn and Cherry Clymer

Cherry Clymer - July 15, 2020 at 03:35 PM

JS

“ Please accept our sincerest condolences on the death of your Mother. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.  
Jan and John Stover

Jan Stover - July 15, 2020 at 03:33 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elfrieda Elizabeth Spencer.



July 15, 2020 at 01:41 PM



“ Cathy you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Mom was such a lovely, soft spoken classy lady. Truly enjoyed her decorating abilities. She will be missed.

Nikki Fielder - July 15, 2020 at 01:36 PM

HG

“ Denise & Mark, You have my Sympathy on Mark's Mothers passing. Ruth passed away five years ago. I sold the house in Napoleon, I live in an Assisted Living Community near Maumee. Cindy lives and works in Maumee. Doug drives semi for UPS out of Maumee.

Hal Griffin - July 15, 2020 at 01:29 PM

VG

“ *What joy your Mom must have felt when she entered the gates of Heaven. The bond of the three sisters was a very special gift that they shared and we got to watch. Memories will make you smile. God’s blessings to your family.*

*Vicki Glick*

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**Vicki Glick** - July 15, 2020 at 09:20 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Tribute Video*



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**Rodenberger Funeral Home** - July 15, 2020 at 08:36 AM

EW

“ *Cathy and family,  
I was blessed to get to know your soft spoken and gracious mother at Alpine. She was a very elegant and dignified lady. She will be missed. Take care as you move through your journey of grief.*

*George and Elaine Wells*

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**Elaine Wells** - July 14, 2020 at 09:31 PM