



Ellene C. Harris

June 8, 1921 - January 14, 2017

Ellene C. Harris, 95, of Deshler, OH passed away Saturday morning, January 14, 2017 at St. Rita's Hospice, Lima, OH surrounded by her loving family. She was born June 8, 1921 in Putnam County, OH to the late Ed and Ocie (Fruchey) Whitis. On April 2, 1940 she married Lewis G. Blue and he preceded her in death on February 18, 1952. On November 10, 1956 she married Richard L. Harris and he preceded her in death on February 15, 1972. Ellene was a Fuller Brush Sales Representative since 1964. She also worked as a nurse's aid at Oak Grove Healthcare Center and as a clerk at the former Food Center and Cardinal Grocery Stores in Deshler. She was a faithful member of New Beginnings United Methodist Church, Deshler; the United Methodist Women and the Study Guild. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Sycamore Lodge #520 in Deshler for more than 50 years and a Deshler Village Election Judge. She is survived by her children, Nondalee Gerken, Greensboro, NC; Bonnie (Ray) Robertson, Laramie, WY; Wayne (Louise) Blue, Palm Beach, FL; Bruce Blue, Hebron, OH; De (Dennis) Buenger, Holland, OH; Richard (Tammy) Harris, Greeley, CO; 14 Grandchildren and 11 Great Grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Blue; grandsons, Derrick Buenger and Richard Harris, III; son-in-law Jim Gerken, daughter-in-law Gayle Blue; and brothers, Noel, Richard and Robert Whitis. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Deshler with the Rev. Ruth Carter-Crist officiating. A fellowship luncheon will immediately follow at New

Beginnings United Methodist Church and graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m. Ayersville Cemetery, Ayersville, OH. ^L_{SEP} Visitation will be 3-6 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the Deshler Edwin Wood Memorial Library, New Beginnings United Methodist Church or The Gideons. ^L_{SEP}
www.rodembergerfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Napoleon Funeral Home
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Napoleon, OH 43545
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Eastern Star Services

JAN 17. 5:30 PM (ET)

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Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ To the family of Ellene, we extend our most sincere condolences. We have been friends for more than 65 years, and you guys are the best. The fun and games over the years have been a blessing to us. We have shared many secrets, although I can't seem to remember any at the moment. I guess that's why they are called secretes.

Ellene was an exceptionally positive, happy, and inspirational individual, always ready to lend a hand whenever needed. She and my Mom were best of friends and neighbors. They remain that status even today.

Burr Pelton - January 17, 2017 at 12:22 PM

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Ellen Harris's life was the example of who a Christian should be. She radiated Gods love. The was wholesome and kind. Friendly and welcoming. She always had a special place in my heart. My favorite memories were helping her in the kitchen when we visited. She loved her garden. I remember helping till her garden and get out all the weeds. She was so happy. She was and will always be the Christian I aspire to be. I pray for comfort for family and friends. Know that she is seated in heavenly places. She will continue to live on not only in our hearts but throughout eternity. Love, Sonya Silvey

Sonya Silvey - January 17, 2017 at 06:28 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ellene C. Harris.



January 17, 2017 at 06:58 AM

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“ Roger, Diane, Bob and Shirley purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Ellene C. Harris.



Roger, Diane, Bob and Shirley - January 16, 2017 at 08:44 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ellene C. Harris.



January 16, 2017 at 05:46 PM