



## Elvera May Kruse

September 27, 1939 - May 1, 2026

Elvera May Kruse, 86, of Napoleon, Ohio, went home to the Lord on Friday, May 1, 2026. She was born in Napoleon, Ohio to the late Harvey and Luella (Rettig) Yackee on September 27, 1939. On December 21, 1963, she married William Kruse Jr., and he preceded her in death on Feb 25, 2004.

Elvera was a faithful member of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Napoleon. During her working years, she worked for Snyder's Chevrolet of Napoleon as a bookkeeper for 11 years as well as Lear Cooperation for 23 years. She was an avid gardener and loved to take care of her lawn, as well as cleaning and tidying up the inside of the house. In her spare time, she thoroughly enjoyed watching men's softball and college basketball.

She is survived by her son, Jeffrey (Cheri) Kruse; grandson, Ashley (Nalin) Kruse; sister, MaryInn Hogrefe; and sister-in-law, Carolyn Yackee. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Bill; brothers, Lloyd and Floyd Yackee; sisters, Mildred Bruback and Helen Wolf; as well as her brother-in-law, Clifton Wolf.

Services will be held for Elvera on Monday, May 4, 2026, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon at 12 pm Noon. A time of visitation and gathering will be held from 10 am until the time of services at Noon. Burial will follow the service at Glenwood Cemetery in Napoleon. In lieu of flowers, memorials can

be directed towards St. Paul Luthearn Church, the National Alzheimer's Association or a charity of your choice. Online condolences may also be left for the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Glenwood Cemetery

291 Glenwood Ave  
Napoleon, OH 43545

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 4. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

MAY 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
1075 Glenwood Ave  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *The staff of Putnam County Hospice sends our deepest sympathy for your loss. We will keep Elvera and all her family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.*



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**Putnam County Hospice** - May 04 at 09:36 AM

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“ *So very sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. Sending you many prayers.*  
*Judy Dickmann*

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**Judy Dickmann** - May 04 at 08:13 AM

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“ *Austin and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elvera May Kruse.*



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**Austin and family** - May 01 at 07:04 PM