



Emilie Anna Gerken

December 20, 1935 - April 4, 2019

Emilie Anna Gerken, 83, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away on Thursday, April 4, 2019 surrounded by her loving family at Genacross Lutheran Home. She was born on December 20, 1935 in Napoleon Township to Arnold and Marie (Schwake) Panning.

Emilie was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona, where she taught Sunday School for many years and sang in the choir. Emilie enjoyed volunteering her time at the hospital and with the Junior Lutherans. She liked growing produce in her garden to can for tasty treats later in the year and was known for her rows of Cannas bulbs across her garden. Emilie's greatest joy came from spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Alan (Diane) Gerken; Karen (Ken) Wiechers; Loren (Tricia) Gerken and Gary (Dawn) Gerken; 12 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren and sister, Dorothy Waltz. In addition to her parents, Emilie was preceded in death by her husband, Victor.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Monday, April 8, 2019 from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Funeral Services will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona, On Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 11:00 AM with an hour of viewing before the services. Interment to follow in the church cemetery. Memorial contributions may be

made the church or Genacross Lutheran Services. Online messages and condolences may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com

Cemetery Details

Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery, Okolona

30997 Gerken Road
Defiance, OH 43512

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 8. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Public Viewing

APR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona
30997 Gerken Road
Defiance, OH 43512

Funeral Service

APR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona
30997 Gerken Road
Defiance, OH 43512

Tribute Wall

DL

“ *Condolences to Emilies Family, Sweet Lady, the tribute of photos were honoring. Prayers, Deb Lambert*

Deb Lambert - April 10, 2019 at 10:56 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Emilie Anna Gerken.*



April 09, 2019 at 07:43 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Rodenberger Funeral Home - April 08, 2019 at 03:08 PM

MA

“ *Our sympathy to the Gerken family on the loss of Emilie. Larry, Delmer and Marlene Bockelman*

Marlene - April 07, 2019 at 05:08 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Emilie Anna Gerken.



April 07, 2019 at 02:41 PM



“ Dave, Jenny ,Seth and Evan Rogers purchased the Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant for the family of Emilie Anna Gerken.



Dave, Jenny ,Seth and Evan Rogers - April 06, 2019 at 12:40 PM



“ REGENIA A DONLEY lit a candle in memory of Emilie Anna Gerken



REGENIA A DONLEY - April 06, 2019 at 11:00 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Emilie Anna Gerken.



April 06, 2019 at 10:16 AM

KL

“ *Skills was such a sweet caring person. She will be missed.*

Kathy and Steve Lieb - April 06, 2019 at 08:29 AM

 Linda
Ridley

“ *We are so sorry for your loss Karen and family. Your Mother was always so sweet to us. Prayers for peace and joy! Randy and Linda Ridley*

Linda Ridley - April 05, 2019 at 11:04 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Emilie Anna Gerken.*



April 05, 2019 at 07:17 PM