



## Esther Emma Bockelman

February 12, 1932 - January 28, 2021

Esther Emma Bockelman, 88, of Napoleon, Ohio, passed away at home on January 28, 2021. Born in Napoleon, Ohio, February 12, 1932 to Fred and Lydia (Engelman) Sattler, she married Julian Bockelman on August 16, 1952. After 57 years of marriage, Julian preceded her in death on March 15, 2010. Esther was a founding member of Peace Reformed Church, who wanted her family and friends to know the Lord. She was a loving and hardworking farm wife and mother, an enthusiastic volunteer for many causes, a proud retiree of Campbells Soup, and a lover of all things purple. Esther had a giving heart and was always ready to pitch in to help – or bring candy.

Esther is survived by her children, Ruth Houston, John Bockelman, Sarah (Wilbur) Oudman, and Mark Bockelman and Patty Bockelman; 16 grandchildren, 21 Great-grandchildren; brother Dr. Fredrick (Elizabeth) Sattler, and brother-in-law, Lyle Sheller. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her sisters Ilene Sheller and Martha Hubbell.

Due to COVID-19, family will be received at Peace Reformed Church, on Saturday, February 6, beginning at 10:00 AM, with the service beginning at 11:30 AM. Masks will be required. The service will be livestreamed on the Peace Reformed Facebook page. Interment will follow at Glenwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mobility Ministries, Inc. ([mobilityworldwide.org/affiliates/Indiana-demotte](http://mobilityworldwide.org/affiliates/Indiana-demotte)) or Peace Reformed Church (638 Huddle Rd, Napoleon, Ohio). Online messages and condolences may be shared with the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Glenwood Cemetery

Napoleon, OH 43545

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 6. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Peace Reformed Church  
638 Huddle Rd  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## Funeral Service

FEB 6. 11:30 AM (ET)

Peace Reformed Church  
638 Huddle Rd  
Napoleon, OH 43545

# Tribute Wall

BW

“*Esther was always a dear and loving sister in Christ. She and Julian were always very helpful and supportive. We will see her one day in Glory. This was her hope and comfort!*”

Ben and Sally Willford - February 07, 2021 at 09:59 AM

RW

“*Ruth, after seeing you today I immediately got online to find your mothers obituary. What a beautiful photo of her, and a lovely obituary. I did not get to know her unfortunately although we lived around the corner from each other for many years. My mother would have also been 89 this year had she lived on past 2001. But no matter how many years together, the world is just not the same without our Moms. She sleeps peacefully waiting the return of her Lord. Peace be with you.*”

*Love,  
Robin Weirauch*

robin weirauch - February 06, 2021 at 02:50 PM

DH

“*My deepest sympathy to the family. May you find peace and comfort in our Lord during this time. Diane Hastedt*”

diane Hastedt - February 06, 2021 at 10:17 AM



“*Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Esther Emma Bockelman.*”



February 03, 2021 at 11:17 AM

CJ

“ Carol and Charlie Johnston purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Esther Emma Bockelman.



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**Carol and Charlie Johnston** - February 02, 2021 at 06:40 AM

CJ

“ This is a great photo of Aunt Esther - it captures her beaming personality. She was always very kind to me whenever we would visit them or visa versa and I was so blessed that she and Ruth took the time to stop and visit my husband and I a few years back. She did want her family and friends to know the Lord and some day Jesus Christ shall return and rewards await her❤️

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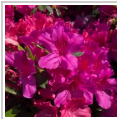
**Carol Johnston** - February 02, 2021 at 06:33 AM

PM

*Sending Prayers of comfort and peace to the Bockelman family. Esther was a close and trusted friend to my mother. She was always kind and generous to our family. I am pleased that she was a true believer in our Lord and Savior. My fondest memory of Esther was her huge smile.*  
*Paul Murcko*

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**Paul Murcko** - February 02, 2021 at 08:38 AM



*My sympathy to the family. Prayers that the Lord will give you peace and comfort during this time.*  
*Diane Hastedt*

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**Diane Hastedt** - February 06, 2021 at 10:25 AM