



Gerken E. Ruby

June 29, 2013

Ruby E. Gerken, 83, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 29, 2013 at the Henry County Hospital. She was born on March 11, 1930 in Fulton County to the late Clarence and Elizabeth (Lind) Tilse. On February 12, 1950, she married Lawrence W. Gerken at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wauseon whom survives in Napoleon. She was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Wauseon and a member of the Ladies Guild of the church. Ruby helped her husband with the family farm for many years. In 1982 Ruby and her husband became the owners and operators of Ruby's Greenhouse . The Lord blessed her with a green thumb and the ability to grow and nurture plants and flowers to share with the general public, friends and family. She was a homemaker, mother, grandmother and great grandmother and she adored each and everyone of them. She enjoyed spending as much time as possible with her family. She is survived by her husband, Lawrence of Napoleon; daughters, Linda (Rick) Hogrefe of Napoleon, Carol Hahler of Bowling Green, Barb (Ron) Snyder of Pemberville, Virginia (Doug) Rettig of Holgate, Judy (Tim) Funchion of Napoleon, Donna (Greg) Smith of Aurora, Il., Diane (Dave) Johnson of Napoleon, and son Larry (Krista) Gerken of Napoleon, 22 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren, brother, Don (Mary Lou) Tilse of Wauseon, sister-in-laws, Velma Gerken, Kay Tilse, and Joan Tilse. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Glen and Charles Tilse. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 3, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Wauseon. Interment will follow at the church cemetery.

Visitation will be on Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Rodenberger Funeral Home in Napoleon, and on Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. prior to services at the church. Suggested memorials are to St. Luke's Lutheran Church, The Lutheran Home in Napoleon or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ We were saddened to hear of the death of Ruby. We know she held a very special place in her family and friend's hearts. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Gina and Jerry Hill###imported-begin##Jerry And Gina Hill###imported-end##

July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Lawrence and family,I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Our deepest sympathies.Chuck and Kim Bowles###imported-begin##Chuck & Kim Bowles###imported-end##

July 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Ruby was the sweetest and nicest person.We just know that she is at peace now and tending to all of the gardens in heaven. We shall dearly miss her.###imported-begin##Barbara Pickering###imported-end##

July 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ ###imported-begin##Julie Creager###imported-end##

July 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest sympathy for the loss of your Mother.
Donna###imported-begin##Donna Schuerman###imported-end##

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“ Thinking of you all as you celebrate the life of Ruby.##imported-begin##Krueger Family##imported-end##

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“ ##imported-begin##Charles And Janice Graham##imported-end##

July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ ##imported-begin##Lowell And Peg Graham##imported-end##

July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Lawrence & Family:Please accept my sincerest sympathy on the passing of Ruby. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I will always remember her smile.##imported-begin##Lois Lowery##imported-end##

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“ my deepest sympathy...Ruby was a wonderful lady and will be missed!!##imported-begin##Kay Overmier##imported-end##

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“ Barb and family - So sorry to hear about your mom. You and your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless you all!!##imported-begin##Sue Hamen##imported-end##

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“ Sor sorry to hear Ruby has passed. She was a very special person to us - especially to my mom, Hildegard Reiser. To mom, Ruby was the only one who knew anything about gardening/flowers and also enjoyed visiting with your mom and dad. I also enjoyed talking with her - very sweet lady.###imported-begin##Rebecca (reiser)stauffer###imported-end##

July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I was sad to hear of Ruby's passing. I'm glad I got to visit with her and Lawrence a few times at the Lutheran Home earlier in the year. She was Blessed with a large loving family and my prayers go out to all of you!###imported-begin##Todd & Kelly Bodenbender###imported-end##

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“ Carol and Megan and Aaron,I am sorry for your loss. I did not have the pleasure of meeting your mom/grandma, but have heard many good things about her!! I know you will miss her! You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Kathy Breitigam###imported-begin##Kathy Breitigam###imported-end##

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