



## Gerken F Carl

February 18, 2013

Carl F. Gerken, 92, of Defiance, Ohio passed away on Monday, February 18, 2013 at The Laurels of Defiance. He was born on March 21, 1920 in Defiance County to the late Herman & Wilomena (Spudholtz) Gerken. On June 14, 1941, he married Irma (Bostelman) Gerken, who preceded him in death on July 5, 2012. Carl had worked for All Star Products, Defiance, Bil-Jax, Archbold, and Archbold Container. He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona and served in the United States Army during WW II. He will be remembered for his love of his garden, Detroit Tigers, and his family. He is survived by a daughter, Beverly (Bob) Nicely of Ayersville, Ohio; son, Robert (Sherri) Gerken of Greensboro, North Carolina; 5 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, 1 great great grandchild; brother, Herman (Betty) Gerken of Ayersville, Ohio, sister-in-law, Betty Gerken of Troy, Ohio, and step brother, Mylo Gerken of Defiance. He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Connie; grandson, Adam Gerken; brothers, William, Walter, Richard, and Arnold Gerken. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 22 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona. Interment will follow at the church cemetery where military honors will be accorded by Ridgeville American Legion. Visitation will be held from 2-8 p.m. on Thursday at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to "Ragsdale YMCA - Swim For Smiles" of Jamestown, N.C. in memory of his grandson Adam or Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Online condolences may be made at [www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.c](http://www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.c)

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“ Our thoughts and prayers our with your family. Brian and Tanya Bok and family##imported-begin##Brian And Tanya Bok##imported-end##

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“ Bev and Bob, Robert & Sherri and your families.Extending my sympathy to everyone on the loss of Carl.Marlene Bockelman##imported-begin##Marlene Bockelman##imported-end##

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“ Bob and Sherri- Please know that we are thinking of you at this difficult time. We will keep you in our hearts and our prayers as well as your DadLoveKatie and Pete##imported-begin##Pete Lyons##imported-end##

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Kathy (wiechers)& Steve Lieb##imported-end##

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