



Gerken M. Norma

August 24, 2013

Norma M. Gerken, 86, of Ridgeville Corners, Ohio passed away peacefully at the Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center on Saturday, August 24, 2013. She was born October 3, 1926 to the late Herman C. and Francis H. (Coulon) Bostelman. On May 16, 1948, she married Donald F. Gerken at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Okolona, Ohio. He preceded her in death on July 1, 2007. Norma was a homemaker and was employed by McCord Corporation in Wauseon, Ohio for 30 years, retiring in 1988. Following her retirement she enjoyed providing childcare for many children. She loved spending time with her family and enjoyed her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She and her husband loved attending polka dances and on occasion the Low German Club activities. She was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Ridgeville Corners. She is lovingly survived by her daughter, Pam (Bob) Brown of Defiance, Ohio and son-in-law, Stan Wiemken of Napoleon, Ohio, grandchildren; Amy (Brian) Bush of Plain City, Ohio, Kelly Brown of Dublin, Ohio, Shawna (Jason) Maassel of Napoleon, Ohio, Kristina (Adam) Glaser and Lindsay Wiemken both of Toledo, Ohio, and Jonathan Wiemken of Napoleon, Ohio, and 6 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Nancy Wiemken and a brother Carl Bostelman. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Ridgeville Corners officiating Pastor Vicky Coombs. Burial will follow at St. Peter Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be held 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday at Rodenberger Funeral Home in Napoleon and from 10-11 a.m. on

Wednesday at the church. Suggested memorials may be given to St. Peter Lutheran Church, the Ridgeville Fire Department or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ I worked with your mother for 30 years at McCord. I always enjoyed her. She was a very nice lady. I saw her a few years back at the Gerken reunion in Napoleon. I went with Dick Gerken for 20 years so I was there. He is now deceased. I knew your father was gone but was very surprised to read that Norma had lost a daughter. So sad for your family. She always talked about you girls at work. How special you were. Enjoy all the wonderful memories that your mom left you with. She was always very cheerful. In sympathy, Dee Fetter

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