



## Gertrude. M. Kestner Kurtz

November 5, 1921 - September 2, 2016

Gertrude M. Kestner Kurtz, 94, of Napoleon, formerly of Malinta, passed away peacefully at Alpine Village in Napoleon, on September 2, 2016. She was born in Flatrock Township to the late Albert H. and Ella (Schwiebert) Kestner. On February 10, 1947, she married Carlton "Pat" A . Kurtz who preceded her in death on May 17, 1962. Gertie was a homemaker and an Avon Sales Representative until she was 90 years old.

She enjoyed meeting people and was a great personality full of vim and vigor. Gertie loved to polka dance and play cards. She was one who never knew a stranger and if you were one, you weren't a stranger for long. She was a devoted, lifelong member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Flatrock Twp. and a member of the Ladies Aid and Lutheran Women's Society, a member of the Henry County Senior Center, the Napoleon Legion Auxiliary, a Hospital Volunteer for over 30 years, as well a member of the Farm Bureau.

She is lovingly survived by her children, Larry (Linda Hix) Conmay of Irving, Tx.; Carol (Ray) Carpenter of Liberty Center, Oh.; Charles (Donna) Kurtz of Malinta, Oh.; Susan (Tim) Katafias of Grand Blanc, Mi., Carolyn (Ted) Knight of Federalsburg, Mi.; 13 grandchildren; Lisa (Don) Meeker. Todd (Keri) Conmay, Paula Joy, Kimberly (Craig) Miller, Amy (Todd) Davis, Jason (Michelle) Kurtz, Brad Kurtz, Kevin Kurtz, Julie (Jason) O'Neil, Jennifer (Gabe) Luna, 15 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren, and a sister; Irene Cordes of Napoleon, Oh. She was preceded in death by her husband, Pat and a brother Lawrence Kestner.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, September 5 , at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Flatrock Twp., with Pastors Gary Bernath and Lee Genter officiating. Interment will follow at the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. on Sunday, September 4, at Rodenberger Funeral Home in Napoleon and 1 hour prior to the service at the church on Monday.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Flatrock Twp., Napoleon Public Library, or to a charity of the donors choice. Online condolences may be made at [www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Paul Lutheran Flatrock Twp. Cemetery

12868 County Road K  
Napoleon, OH 43545

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 4. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

SEP 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church-Flatrock Twp.  
12868 County Road K  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## Service

SEP 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church-Flatrock Twp.  
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Napoleon, OH 43545



# Tribute Wall

SM

“ Dear Carol, Charlie, and Susan,  
I am so sorry to learn of the passing of your Mom! What a wonderful friend she was to my parents over the years. Those Farm Bureau friends were the best! Always there for support and prayers. It was delightful to see her lovely picture in the online Lutheran Home Society Newsletter of NWOHio earlier this year.  
Blessings and Best Wishes,  
Jim and Sally (Parnham) McRitchie

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**Sally McRitchie** - September 04, 2016 at 02:29 PM

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“ Love Jill, Jodi, Jody and Sally purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Gertrude. M. Kestner Kurtz.



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**Love Jill, Jodi, Jody and Sally** - September 04, 2016 at 11:18 AM

LW

“ So very sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of your parents hosting the "Farm Bureau Council" meetings at their home. My parents always enjoyed those gatherings as well. "Gertie" always had a friendly smile and conversation when I would see her. Our prayers for your family.  
Gary and Lila (Sonnenberg) Wernecke

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**Lila Wernecke** - September 04, 2016 at 07:50 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gertrude. M. Kestner Kurtz.*



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September 03, 2016 at 09:46 PM



“ *Our sympathy for your loss. Kathy & Steve Lieb*

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**Kathy & Steve Lieb** - September 03, 2016 at 12:18 PM



“ *Thank you, Sue for thinking of me. My deepest condolences to all of you. Having spent some time with her in late June; seeing her in pain, and listening to her say she was ready to go, I know that she is at peace. Gertie was long a very special lady to me. Along with being related, she was always a real sport and interested to know how I was doing. I always looked forward to seeing her whenever I was home and enjoyed dancing with her many times over the years. I don't see how I can get home for the funeral, but my thoughts are with all of you.*

*Ken Schwiebert  
Williston, Florida*

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**Ken Schwiebert** - September 03, 2016 at 05:26 AM

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“ ..she was, for me...Mom Number 2. For years I spent far more time at the Kurtz Farm, under her supervision, than I did at my own home. I hear her voice....and oh...that laugh, to this very day...and the love, kindness, and wisdom that were hers....are now, and forever, a part of mine. Gertie...I shall remember and love you for the rest of my life. My love and profound sympathies to the entire family, with my gratitude to you all...for sharing your Mom with me.....Rand

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**Rand Russell** - September 03, 2016 at 02:15 AM

BJ

“ To Larry Conmay and family, So sorry to hear about your Mother. She was a very friendly sweet lady.Enjoyed her company..God bless... Herb and Betty Joy.

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**Betty Joy** - September 02, 2016 at 07:44 PM