



## Hassel Dean Shondell

November 15, 1922 - April 14, 2019

Hassel Dean (Dillport) Shondell crossed into the arms of Jesus on Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019. Born to Caleb Sidney and Mary Susan (Kilcrease) Dillport on November 15, 1922 in Pocahontas, AR., she was preceded in death by her husband, Leo Shondell, Jr. of Napoleon, OH, her father and mother, two brothers - Mack Don and Caleb Sidney Dillport, two sisters - Majorie Pedersen and Erna Mae Saylor.

She is survived by one sister, Regina Bachmann of Pocahontas, AR, two daughters - Jennifer (Thaine) Grams of Ida, MI, and Denise (Mark) Spencer of Defiance, OH, and a son Leo William (Kay) Shondell of Deshler, OH. Also surviving are seven grandchildren - Brett (Myrna) Grams, Jason (Kelli) Grams, Danielle Grams Westfall, Leo Shondell, and Jonathan, Susanna and Cale Spencer. Surviving in addition are five great grandchildren – Acadia, Dakota and Keaton Grams, and Alyssa and Gabriel Westfall.

Hassey loved her Lord most importantly and lived to serve Him every day of her life. She met Leo on the Army bomber base in Walnut Ridge, AR where she was a secretary and he a member of the 69th Air Squadron. They married on May 2, 1943 and moved to his home town, Napoleon, OH. Hassey was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church for many years and most recently of Peace Lutheran Church in Defiance, OH. She worked beside her husband in the former Shondell Jewelers on Washington St. in Napoleon for

forty years.

Hassey loved her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, neighbors and just about everyone she met. She lived to serve God by serving others and did so with a selfless joy.

Leo and Hassey served in the Gideons ministry where Hassey was also secretary of the Gideons International for three years. She founded the local chapter of Al Anon, a support group for families of alcoholics, in Defiance, OH, and gave her support to those families in the area who were dealing with Alzheimer's disease.

Hassey never complained about anything but lived with gladness and thanksgiving. She was genuinely compassionate and caring toward others, and to the best of her ability lived at peace with all people. As her younger daughter, Denise, put it, "mom's idea of living was loving and giving." Quite a tribute.

At 96, she was still happy to live in the same home she built with Leo in 1949. She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Wednesday, April 17, from 11:00 AM until the time of services at 1:00 PM. Interment will follow in Glenwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Gideon's International or Peace Lutheran Church, Defiance. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Glenwood Cemetery

Napoleon, OH 43545

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

APR 17. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

APR 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Denise and Family, Sorry to hear of your Mother's death, you have my Sympathy. She was a great lady. Ruth passed away, it will be four years July1. I sold the house in Napoleon and I live in an Assisted living Community Northwest of Maumee. Cindy lives in Maumee has been in the office complex of Anderson's for sixteen years. Doug just made twenty one years driving semi for UPS, he goes from Maumee to Hammond,In. every day and back. Denise, I can see you in your Mother's picture.*

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**HalRuth Griffin** - April 16, 2019 at 12:27 PM



“ *Hassie was a wonderful lady and all of us at the Napoleon Veterinary Clinic loved seeing her and talking to her on the phone. She was a favorite. Hassie will certainly be missed. What a wonderful lady.*

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**Tina Myers** - April 16, 2019 at 12:24 PM



John  
Walker

“ Leo (Lanny) and Kay - I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. It has been decades since as childhood days when I was in contact with Leo, but frequently think about the neighborhood days: our hide-out in Carl Engle's back yard bushes, bike rides, hours-on-end playing "mine and yours" while watching traffic on Route 6, and exploring the big-ole barn on the other side of the road. Those were wonderful days, and we both had wonderful parents. I would not have grown up anywhere else in the world than there, and with good friends such as you Lanny.

*Take care of yourselves, and God Bless,*

*John and Kay Richard-Walker*

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**John Walker** - April 16, 2019 at 11:25 AM



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“ Hassie was a sweetheart that always had a smile and hug for all. She always shared stories and made everyone around her feel so special. She will be sadly missed by many but especially me. God absolutely got an angel today. Thank you for sharing her with me. May God give you his peace and guide you through this tough time.

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**Tracy from Peace Lutheran Church** - April 15, 2019 at 07:57 PM