



## Helen F. Petersen

July 17, 1926 - October 10, 2015

Helen Frances Petersen, 89, of Deshler, Ohio died Saturday evening, October 10, 2015 with her family by her side at Vancrest of Holgate, Ohio.

She was born July 17, 1926 in Stanley, Ohio to the late John and Anna (Kocis) Newman. On June 20, 1948 she married Andrew "Andy" Petersen at St. John Lutheran Church, Deshler and he preceded her in death on November 4, 1991.

Helen was a 1946 graduate of Deshler High School. She retired from the former Metal Forge Company, Deshler after 30 years as a machine operator. She will also be remembered for her time at the former Knoke's Restaurant and Corn City Cafe, both of Deshler as a waitress and cook; where she was lovingly called "Grandma" by many.

She was a faithful member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Deshler where she was active with the Altar Guild and WELCA. She volunteered her time with Meals on Wheels; Bingo at Oak Grove Nursing Home; Filling Home of Mercy and the Deshler Community Dinner. She was also a member of Deshler American Legion Post #316 Auxiliary and the Bavarian Club.

She is survived by her four children, Ruth (Dave) Maas, Custar; David (Carol Mae) Petersen, Deshler; Linda (Tom) Wensink, Deshler; Randy (Lisa) Petersen, Charleston, West Virginia; 12 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; 1 great great granddaughter; two sisters, Kathryn Tussing, Granada Hills, California; Josephine Spence, North Baltimore, Ohio; and brother, Martin Newman, Defiance, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by sister, Lillian Gray and brother, John Newman, Jr.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Deshler with Rev. Greg Olsen officiating. Interment will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Deshler.

Visitation will be 2-8 p.m. on Tuesday at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Deshler and from 10-11 a.m. on Wednesday at the church.

The family suggests memorials to Immanuel Lutheran Church or the donor's choice.

[www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 13. 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)

# Tribute Wall

FF

“ *from your Sentinel Friends purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Helen F. Petersen.*



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**from your Sentinel Friends** - October 13, 2015 at 07:34 PM

RS

“ *Dear Family,*

*We are very sorry to learn of Helen's death, and we want to send our deepest sympathy.*

*As you know, I (Ray) am a cousin of Andy. I very much enjoyed seeing Helen in recent years when I visited relatives in the Deshler area.*

*Because of scheduled, important things, I unfortunately will not be able to attend the visitation and the funeral service.*

*May God be with all of you.*

*Peace.*

*Ray and Polly Sund*

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**Ray Sund** - October 13, 2015 at 05:06 PM

UP

“ *Uncle Brad and Aunt Patty purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Helen F. Petersen.*



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**Uncle Brad and Aunt Patty** - October 13, 2015 at 08:40 AM

 Robyn Neiderhou

“ *Robyn Neiderhouse lit a candle in memory of Helen F. Petersen*



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**Robyn Neiderhouse** - October 13, 2015 at 08:12 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Helen F. Petersen.*



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October 12, 2015 at 11:12 PM

CB

“ *Courtney Bishop lit a candle in memory of Helen F. Petersen*



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**Courtney Bishop** - October 12, 2015 at 07:55 PM

ST

“ *Scott Tyson lit a candle in memory of Helen F. Petersen*



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**Scott Tyson** - October 12, 2015 at 02:42 PM

KT

“ *Helen, I had such a great time with you and have also great memories of you. We worked at Metal Forge together and you were not only my sister but my co-worker for many years.*

*I heard you laughed very hard when you saw my picture wearing my bikini at the beach. I'm glad you got to wear it for Halloween too.*

*I was looking forward to seeing you in Arizona this spring but I'm sad that you will not be there.*

*Miss you and love you.*

*Kathryn Tussing*

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**Ken Tussing** - October 12, 2015 at 02:40 PM

KD

“ *Karen Diem lit a candle in memory of Helen F. Petersen*



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**Karen Diem** - October 12, 2015 at 02:06 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Helen F. Petersen.*



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October 12, 2015 at 12:55 PM



“ *Your family is in our thoughts & prayers. Helen was a remarkable lady. She will be truly missed.*  
*Love,*  
*Dan & Jackie Arps*

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**Dan & Jackie Arps** - October 12, 2015 at 12:12 PM



“ *Dan & Jackie Arps lit a candle in memory of Helen F. Petersen*



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**Dan & Jackie Arps** - October 12, 2015 at 12:08 PM



“ *Sending our sympathy for your loss. Helen was a wonderful lady.*



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**Kathy & Steve Lieb** - October 12, 2015 at 07:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Helen F. Petersen.*



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October 12, 2015 at 07:20 AM



“ *So sorry to hear this. Helen was the sweetest woman. She always brightened my day when I saw her.*

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**charlotte smith** - October 12, 2015 at 06:22 AM



“ *Jim And Miranda Hoops lit a candle in memory of Helen F. Petersen*



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**Jim and Miranda Hoops** - October 12, 2015 at 05:31 AM



“ *Barb And Ron Rosebrook lit a candle in memory of Helen F. Petersen*



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**Barb and Ron Rosebrook** - October 12, 2015 at 12:47 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Helen F. Petersen.*



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October 11, 2015 at 09:06 PM



“ *Laura Roof lit a candle in memory of Helen F. Petersen*



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**Laura Roof** - October 11, 2015 at 06:44 PM



“ *So very sorry for your family's loss of a very remarkable lady.*



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**BayLee & TyLynn** - October 11, 2015 at 06:07 PM



“ *Helen was a one of a kind lady. I learned so much from her and loved her as my own grandma! She will be missed but lived a great life! I thank God for our paths crossing.  
Love Royann*

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**Royann Brinkman** - October 11, 2015 at 04:17 PM

PS

“ *Patty Sugg lit a candle in memory of Helen F. Petersen*



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**Patty Sugg** - October 11, 2015 at 04:06 PM

PC

“ *Your mother was the best, everyone who knew her loved her, she was always Happy and up beat. My deepest sympathy, keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Patty CSugg** - October 11, 2015 at 04:05 PM