



Illa Fry

June 22, 1932 - October 6, 2021

Illa Fry, 89, of Napoleon, passed away on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at Defiance CHP Inpatient Hospice.

Illa was born June 22, 1932 to Henry and Lavon (Myers) Bechstein in Swancreek Township, Fulton County, Ohio. She married Harlan John Fry on October 7, 1950 at the St. Augustine Rectory. They shared 63 years of marriage before his passing in 2014.

Illa was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a master at homemaking; preparing her home for her family and friends to enjoy was her forte. She thrived at preparing and serving meals. She was a passionate baker known for creating some of the most delectable pies, cookies, breads and cakes around. She used her gifts and talents in the kitchen to benefit others - her church, St. Augustine, St. Augustine School, The Red Cross, many neighbors and most importantly to put smiles on the faces of her grandchildren. One of her proudest honors was baking for the Bishop when he visited St. Augustine. Nothing made her smile more than seeing and knowing others were happy.

She was an avid fan of sports. Watching anything from ice skating to gymnastic to football and in particular watching her grandchildren and great grandchildren in their activities was a highlight in her day. Illa also enjoyed game shows, time spent with friends and being an accomplished housewife with ironing skills beyond compare.

Illa is survived by her four children, Thomas (Beth) Fry, Cheryl (David) Boose,

Daniel (Jodi) Fry, and Michele (Brett) Meyer; grandchildren, Jason (Jean) Fry, Christine (Thomas) Fields, Cindy (John) Burton, Sandy (Jason) Johnson, Christopher (Alicia) Boose, Andrew (Heather) Boose, Cassandra (Nathan) Decker, Anna (Kevin) Balash, Kevin Fry, Brittlyn Tyler, Steven (Kasey Yost) Fry, Jameson Meyer, Joseph "JJ" Meyer, Treg Meyer; Great Grandchildren, Sophia, Milah Rose, Eliza, Allie, Casey, Sam, Dexter, and Alena; sister, Judith (Robert) Elling; brother, Ronald (Janet) Bechstein; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; Husband, Harlan; and sisters Elizabeth Homer, Ruth Moyer, and Virginia Krieger.

Funeral mass for Illa will be 11:30 on Saturday, October 9, 2021, at St. Augustine Catholic Church. Visitation will be prior to the service from 10-11:00 at the St. Augustine Ministry Center on Saturday. Interment will follow mass in the St. Augustine Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Illa's name are suggested to St. Augustine Catholic Church or St. Augustine Catholic School. Online condolences to the family may be made at rodenbergergray.com

Cemetery Details

St. Augustine's Cemetery

St. Rt. 108
Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **9**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Augustine Ministry Center
210 E. Clinton St.
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

KH

“ I'm so sad to hear of Illa's passing. She was a sweet lady and very proud of her family. I remember fondly, going to each other's homes as kids and our parents playing cards while we played and had lots of fun. My sympathy to all of you.
Karen Harms



Karen Harms - October 11, 2021 at 10:35 AM

LJ

“ Prayers & condolences for your family at this very sad time. My husband graduated with Illa.
Sincerely, Judy Glanz

Linda Johnson - October 09, 2021 at 12:35 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Illa Fry.



October 08, 2021 at 12:47 PM

JS

“ To all of Illa’s family, please accept our deepest condolences. Illa was such an kind, energetic and Motherly soul! I remember all the wonderful food that she would bring to all the events at the church; from bingo, to funerals, to Christmas House and blood drives and so many others. So willing to help and share her wonderful dishes! May she enjoy eternal rest with The Lord.
Sincerely, Jan and John Stover

Jan Stover - October 08, 2021 at 11:30 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Illa Fry.



October 08, 2021 at 10:27 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Illa Fry.



October 08, 2021 at 10:15 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Illa Fry.



October 08, 2021 at 10:08 AM

PW

“ We want to send our heartfelt sympathy Your mother / grandma was such a friendly caring person who was always helping others I always enjoyed our conversations. We will miss seeing her at church God’s Blessings to all of you. Will and Pat

Pat Wagner - October 08, 2021 at 09:27 AM

KL

“ Prayers for comfort. Hugs and love.



Kathy Lieb - October 08, 2021 at 09:25 AM

TS

“ Ills was a very special lady. She was so kind and caring about our family. We still have visions of her cutting the many pies at St. Augustine Christmas House dinners. May your many fond memories of Illa remain in your hearts, you , her family were the center of her life.
Sincerely, Tom, Susie, Andy and Ben Snyder

tom snyder - October 08, 2021 at 08:39 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Illa Fry.



October 07, 2021 at 11:57 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Illa Fry.



October 07, 2021 at 10:55 PM



“ *Jeanette and Donald Gensler* purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of Illa Fry.



Jeanette and Donald Gensler - October 07, 2021 at 09:05 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Illa Fry.



October 07, 2021 at 08:43 PM



“ *Touching Tribute Spray* was purchased for the family of Illa Fry.



October 07, 2021 at 03:50 PM