



Jane Rosemary Claussen

December 23, 1938 - February 18, 2024

Jane Rosemary Claussen, 85, of Defiance, Ohio passed away on February 18, 2024. She was born in Muscatine, Iowa on December 23, 1938, to the late Henry and Anna (Rueckert) Marten. On June 25, 1961, she married the Rev. Ronald Claussen at Zion Lutheran Church in Muscatine, Iowa and they shared almost 50 years together.

Jane was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Defiance. She taught for many years at Tinora High School. Jane was a master gardener who liked quilting and traveling. She was an avid walker, often over two miles a day. In her spare time, she loved having coffee with her friends and watching Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy.

Jane is survived by her children, Marten (Karen) Claussen, Kelley (Nick) Waisner, Patrik (Linda) Claussen, Nicolas (Stacy) Claussen; grandchildren, Samantha Claussen, Amanda Claussen, Adam (Ania) Claussen, Ben (Krista Malone) Claussen, Perri Waisner, and Sarah Waisner; sisters-in-law, Betty Marten and Connie Claussen; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband; brother Tom Marten; and sister Florence Weiss.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Thursday, February 22, 2024, from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM.

Funeral services will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Adams Ridge, on Friday, February 23, 2024, at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Interment will immediately follow in the church cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Filling Home of Mercy or a charity of your choice in her honor. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com.

Cemetery Details

Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery - Adams Ridge Road

02499 Adams Ridge Road
Defiance, OH 43512

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB **22**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Public Viewing

FEB **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Adams Ridge road)
02454 Adams Ridge Road
Defiance, OH 43512

Funeral Service

FEB **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Adams Ridge road)
02454 Adams Ridge Road
Defiance, OH 43512

Tribute Wall

AB

“ Mrs Claussen was one of my favorite teachers. While she was a tough grader, she always had my best interest in mind. It always delighted me to see her walking around the mall, as she always had a smile on her face. I will miss seeing her around.

Amber Bishop - February 23, 2024 at 09:44 AM

JT

“ It always amazed our congregation when she would come to Athens, Illinois, to visit Pat and Linda because she drove all that distance by herself. She would attend our service in Petersburg when she came. Bless her soul. Sending our sincere sympathy, Jerry and Janene Tice

Janene Tice - February 22, 2024 at 01:05 PM

TF

“ Tammy Hunter and Athens Family. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jane Rosemary Claussen.



Tammy Hunter and Athens Family. - February 22, 2024 at 10:58 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jane Rosemary Claussen.



February 22, 2024 at 10:52 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jane Rosemary Claussen.*



February 22, 2024 at 10:52 AM



“ *Maddie Grooms & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jane Rosemary Claussen.*



Maddie Grooms & Family - February 22, 2024 at 07:39 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Jane Rosemary Claussen.*



February 21, 2024 at 06:56 PM



“ *Tom and Darla Brady planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jane Rosemary Claussen.*

Tom and Darla Brady - February 21, 2024 at 04:50 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Jane Rosemary Claussen.



February 21, 2024 at 04:50 PM



“ *Love, Brian. Cheryl and Clayton* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jane Rosemary Claussen.

Love, Brian. Cheryl and Clayton - February 21, 2024 at 02:36 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Jane Rosemary Claussen.



February 21, 2024 at 02:36 PM



“ *Franz Family* purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Jane Rosemary Claussen.



Franz Family - February 21, 2024 at 12:38 PM

CM

“ *Cindy M. planted a grove of 10 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jane Rosemary Claussen.*

Cindy M. - February 21, 2024 at 12:21 PM

BS

“ *Bureau of Bridges and Structures purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Jane Rosemary Claussen.*



Bureau of Bridges and Structures - February 21, 2024 at 11:37 AM

AC

“Ania & I really wish we could be present this week and I've been thinking of you all constantly since the news came. Grandma sent me long handwritten letters here in Europe and in Miami all through my studies and kept me up to date with her baking, gardening, & weather in Ohio and also let me know what my cousins, aunts & uncles were getting up to over the years, and she even sent me homemade cookies a few times in Miami-- all the way from her kitchen in Ohio.

I will always think of Grandma Claussen whenever I bake chocolate chip or peanut butter cookies, and I will hold on to comforting memories of feeding the fish in Grandma's pond, catching frogs, having Grandma's sweet french toast breakfasts, and making endless loops in the driveway on the big wheel tricycle as Grandpa Claussen would sit and watched me from the garage. I remember being amazed as a kid at the fancy automatic sliding doors on her new van, and enjoying evenings playing in the jacuzzi with plastic toy boats. A visit to Grandma's always meant a big loving embrace and the most genuine smile on her face as we'd walk in the door. It was wondering what Grandpa Claussen was doing typing away on his computer in the office, while Grandma kept busy sewing, baking, or gardening. It was watching the same favorite collection of VHS tapes on Grandma's TV over and over, or watching Mom and Dad's inner competitive children come out while playing Warlords on the old Atari in Grandma's basement against Uncle Nick & Uncle Pat, and sometimes-- through some fluke, or perhaps generational arrogance on the part of Mom, Dad, & the Uncles, us kids would taste sweet victory and destroy our rivals. A yearly summer trip to visit family in Ohio always meant staying at Grandma & Grandpa Claussen's place, where all these most comforting, wonderful childhood memories were made. Grandma made this space for family visits, where the Claussens could all come together, and I am so grateful for the person she was in my life. I love you Grandma, and Ania and I send all of our love to those of you able to make it this week to Ohio. Stay healthy & safe, and if you can, take some time for yourself and breathe. Love -Adam & Ania

Adam Claussen - February 21, 2024 at 10:32 AM

-A

“-ers. Wowthats a low wordcount -Adam & A purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Jane Rosemary Claussen.



-ers. Wowthats a low wordcount -Adam & A - February 21, 2024 at 10:07 AM

DD

“ I've known Jane for years! (Since Nick was in my class at NRA 😊) Always a happy person I loved talking to. Also, thankful for the years she volunteered at ProMedica front desk! She walked the walk! Rest in peace, Jane.

Deborah Dunbar - February 21, 2024 at 08:50 AM

AA

“ Austin, Cindy, Colton, Kyler and Arya purchased the *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* for the family of Jane Rosemary Claussen.



Austin, Cindy, Colton, Kyler and Arya - February 21, 2024 at 05:11 AM

KE

“ I fondly remember the card games and visiting we did along with my parents back in the day. Always enjoyed being around you, Pastor, and your family. You will be dearly missed. Hugs and Love to the family in this difficult time. Kelly (Wiemken) & Dave Copeland

Kelly - February 20, 2024 at 06:30 PM

JG

“ *Judith A Graichen purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jane Rosemary Claussen.*



Judith A Graichen - February 20, 2024 at 10:54 AM

LA

“ *Love Derek and Sandy Adams purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jane Rosemary Claussen.*



Love Derek and Sandy Adams - February 19, 2024 at 10:00 PM

JG

“ *Dearest Jane,
You were Such a good friend to me on band trips, concerts, and during band events in Salem. We clicked from the first time we met. I always wondered how you felt watching your band director son “Mr. Claussen” and now my own son is a band director thanks to your son.
So now I know how proud you felt.
I will miss our conversations and your smile!
Judy Graichen and family.*



Judith Graichen - February 19, 2024 at 07:53 PM

BL

“ Brian L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jane Rosemary Claussen.

Brian L. - February 19, 2024 at 07:05 PM

BL

“ Brian L. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jane Rosemary Claussen.



Brian L. - February 19, 2024 at 07:05 PM