



## Joan A. Miller

February 9, 1933 - December 31, 2013

Joan A. Miller, 80, of Defiance, Ohio died Tuesday afternoon, December 31, 2013 at the Lutheran Home, Napoleon, Ohio.

She was born February 9, 1933 in Napoleon Township to the late Eldor and Rufena (Helberg) Norden. On October 8, 1955 she married Victor Miller at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township and they shared over 57 years together before he preceded her in death on July 26, 2013.

Joan was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and dedicated homemaker. She also helped her husband as a former custodian at both the Ridgeville American Legion Hall and the St. Paul Lutheran Church.

She is member of St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township and a former member at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township; where she had been active as a Sunday School teacher and member of the Women of the Church. She was a member of Ward L. Adams American Legion Post #454 Auxiliary, Ridgeville Corners and the Orphan Grain Train.

She enjoyed fishing with her husband and spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived her children, Vicki (Carlos) Grieser; Sandy (Dave) Meyer; Steven Miller; Douglas Miller; Rodney Miller; grandchildren, Shain Meyer; Kylee (Rex) Miller; Brandi (Phil) Baden; great grandchildren, Ryley and Bryce Miller; sisters, Lois (Bob) Rettig; Dian (Gene) Wendt; Sue Ann (Dave) McColley; brothers, Weldon (Helen) Norden; Ronald (Judy) Norden and Eugene (Lily) Norden.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. on Friday at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon with Rev. Stephen Niermann officiating. A luncheon will immediately follow at St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township. Private graveside services will be at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery, Napoleon Township. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m., Thursday and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to CHP Defiance Hospice, The Lutheran Home or Ridgeville American Legion.

Online condolences can be made at [www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon Twp.

16976 County Road Q1  
Napoleon, OH 43545

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

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

## Service

JAN 3. 10:30 AM (ET)

Napoleon Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

MH

“ Vicki & Carlos, Sandy, Steve Doug & Rodney,

*My deepest sympathy to you all. Vicki, sorry I wasn't able to get to your Mom's visitation or funeral but was thinking of you!*

*My prayers are with you. What a comfort to know she is with your Dad in Heaven and not suffering anymore though she will be truly missed, I'm sure.*

*Maggie & family*

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**Maggie Huston** - January 05, 2014 at 01:19 PM

KB

“ Steve, Shain, Kylie, and Family...

*Please accept our heartfelt condolences. May you find comfort in loving memories.*

*Kirk and Sally Beck*

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**Kirk & Sally Beck** - January 03, 2014 at 07:50 AM

SB

“ You have our deepest sympathy for your loss. May God Bless you at this difficult time.

*love, Frank ,Shelby and family*

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**Shelby Beck** - January 03, 2014 at 06:18 AM

LH

“ Larry and I want to express to you our deepest sympathy in the loss of your mom. Though we will not be there personally as we are out of State, we are with you in spirit and we do share your grief. May God Bless you and help you get through this. It must be very hard to lose both parents in such a short time, but God will help you through these tough times. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you today.  
*Larry and Helen Hesterman*

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**Larry and Helen Hesterman** - January 03, 2014 at 01:26 AM

DU

“ Dave and sandy. Earthly saddness heavenly celebration. So sorry for your loss. May God give you comfort today and the days ahead.  
*Denny and Betty Upell*

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**denny upell** - January 02, 2014 at 10:50 AM

PH

“ Vicki, Sandy, Steve, Doug, Rodney, and entire Miller family: Please know you have our deepest sympathy in the loss of your mom & grandmother. We share in your sorrow and rejoice in your joy knowing she is now with your dad/grandpa and in heaven where she once again has her memory. Vickie, I know you and I spoke a great deal at the craft show about our parents with your mom having Alzheimer's just as my dad did for many yrs. before he passed a just a few yrs. ago. It is so hard watching someone go through that knowing all they were before this disease took over and I remember your mom as such a wonderfully sweet person when I would always see her working at the Legion for many yrs., always a smile on her face. That shows now in her family!

When a family has a dear loved one that is hit with Alzheimer's as both your family and ours was, with the changes we see in them, it's like we mourn the loss of them and who they were before a little each day. When they leave us to go home to Heaven, it saddens us as we won't have them here with us anymore, but we also know they are once again whole and well with God. With God AND your dad.

We wish God's Mercy and Love on you and your entire family, as you say not goodbye, but till we meet again someday to your mom today.

*In Christian Love and Sympathy,  
Carl, Pam, Andre, & Alex Hurst*

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**Pam Hurst** - January 02, 2014 at 09:42 AM