



## Joan Helen Nartker

June 23, 1933 - February 14, 2026

Joan Helen Nartker, 92, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away at Fulton Manor on February 14, 2026. She was born in Ridgeville Corners on June 23, 1933, to the late Fredrick and Helen (Hogrefe) Rickenberg. On April 18, 1953, she married Bernard Nartker at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township.

Joan was a 1951 graduate of Ridgeville High School. She was lifelong member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township and a member of the Women of Life. Joan worked for many years, sewing at sports stores in Defiance, Wauseon and Bryan. She also previously worked at Peper Law Office in Napoleon.

Joan is survived by her children, Susan (Philip) Lange, Beverly Graber, Becky Miller, Steven (Cecilia) Nartker, Scott (Dianne) Nartker and Sam (Lisa) Nartker; grandchildren, Mark Lange, David (Rachel) Lange, Amanda (Matt) Unverferth, Shanna (Greg) Edwards, Brett (Brooke) Miller, Kristi Miller, Aaron Nartker, Shane (Madison) Nartker, and Wesley Nartker; step grandchildren, Todd Christy, Tanya Irvin, Angel Robinson, Charlie Irvin, Cameron (Melissa) Tilkins, and Nathan (April) Tilkins; great grandchildren, Breanna, Bradley, Braylee, Brodie, Breia, Oliver, Genevieve, Reegan, Paislee, Kolsen; step great grandchildren, Cole, Kyleigh, Payton, Jensyn, Carson, Damiann, Jaxson, Riley, Declan, Ashlynn, Aaron, Benjamin, Violet, Hannah, Mia, Jackson, and Maddie. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death

by her husband Bernie; son-in-law, Kevin Miller; and siblings, Ida (Roy) Dickman, Paul Rickenberg, Mildred (Bob) Handy, Lois (Bill) Arps, and Marie (John) Follett.

Friends and family will be received at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township, on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, from 10:00 AM until the time of services at 12:00 Noon. Interment will be held at Riverview Memory Gardens, Defiance. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township or the Ridgeville Fire and Rescue. Online condolences may be shared with the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com). Arrangements entrusted to Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverview Memory Gardens

29321 County Rd 424  
Defiance, OH 43512

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

FEB 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Napoleon Township  
16976 County Road Q1  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## Funeral Service

FEB 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

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16976 County Road Q1  
Napoleon, OH 43545

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Enjoyed working with both, Bernie and Joan, at MBCI. Lots of good memories. Keeping all of the family in my thoughts and prayers. Take Care. ❤️*

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**Luann Boyd** - February 20 at 09:53 AM

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“ *We extend our heartfelt condolences to each of on passing of your mother !  
Always enjoyed talking with Joan when we would see each other over the years.*

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**Renee Yoder** - February 19 at 08:06 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Helen Nartker.*



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February 16 at 08:41 AM