



## JoAnn Hitts

January 12, 1951 - January 30, 2021

JoAnn Hitts, 70, of Napoleon, Ohio died peacefully on Saturday, January 30, 2021 at Parkview Regional Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana surrounded by her family.

She was born January 12, 1951 in Toledo, Ohio to the late Richard and June (Swick) Meter. On November 6, 1971 she married Dean Hitts at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Napoleon.

JoAnn was a 1969 graduate of Napoleon High School and attained an Associate degree from Penta Community College. She taught several years at Head Start in Defiance. She also worked for Campbell Soup Co. for the tomato pack season, as well as the Napoleon City schools in the cafeteria. After she retired, she spent the past 17 memorable years helping with her grandchildren and running them to activities.

She was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, Napoleon, where she was active in the women's groups. She loved doing craft work for the church, holiday's, grandchildren school events, and 4-H projects. She enjoyed traveling and spent many fun-filled yearly ski trips with her family.

She is survived by her husband, Dean; children, Brad Hitts of Toledo, Holly (Greg) Weber of Hamler, Matt Hitts of Columbus; grandchildren, Lauren, Anna, Sarah, and Joel Hitts, and Karly, Karsyn, Kensey, and Kenton Weber; and brothers, Jerry Meter of Pemberville and Donald (Jeanne) Meter of Liberty Center. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Robin.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, February 8th, 2021 at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon. Interment will follow at Forest Hill Cemetery, Napoleon.

Visitation will be held on Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be made at [www.rodenbergergray.com](http://www.rodenbergergray.com).

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

FEB 7. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

FEB 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MM

“ Dear Dean and Family- When my sister Ann told me of Joann’s passing, this verse came to mind: “... and when the bird, free of its cage seeks the Heights, so the Christian Soul, in death, flies Home to God”. Then I thought of what a blessed reunion with her Mom! Love,Peace, Eternal Joy! Martha Downey McBennett

Martha McBennett - February 10, 2021 at 10:07 PM

BW

“ Bill Whitaker...Dean and Family.... I am sorry to hear of Joanne’s passing. We grew up together being Wildcats in the Class of 69 and as Methodists. My prays are with you.

Bill Whitaker - February 08, 2021 at 06:29 PM

RF

“ I’m Rita Jennings Feather and I graduated with Beth Hitts, Jerry Meter and Jeanne Stover Meter. All the families have my sympathy and may God comfort all of you at this time.

Rita Feather - February 08, 2021 at 05:11 AM

JA

“ She was an awesome worker and friend to me

Jayne - February 07, 2021 at 07:06 PM

VI

“ So very sorry for your loss! Joann was always so fun! Thoughts and prayers for all of the family & friends!  
Vicky & Bruce Delventhal

Vicky - February 07, 2021 at 05:07 PM

JA

“ I brought a poem today. I hope you received but I waited but could no stay.

Jayne - February 07, 2021 at 04:44 PM



“ *Dean and family, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*  
*Ron McGhee*



Ronald McGhee - February 07, 2021 at 01:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of JoAnn Hitts.*



February 07, 2021 at 01:24 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of JoAnn Hitts.*



February 05, 2021 at 10:33 PM



“ *Dean, Don, Jerry,Brad,Holly,Matthew and Families,*  
*Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*  
*Randy and Deb Fahringer*

randy fahringer - February 05, 2021 at 02:05 PM

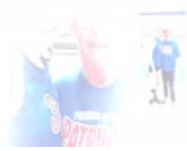


“ *Remember how she always stepped up to help with children's Christmas parties at the Elks Club...She and Dean were always willing to volunteer their services.*

Clara Hagen - February 04, 2021 at 03:06 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Hitts Tribute Video*



**Rodenberger Funeral Home** - February 04, 2021 at 11:44 AM

ML

*Words will never make up for you loss, but this video and pictures can help fill the void.*

**Mike and Carol Lavin** - February 04, 2021 at 05:59 PM

JH

“ *Jim and Donna Schueler/ David and MaryAnn Hurd purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of JoAnn Hitts.*



**Jim and Donna Schueler/ David and MaryAnn Hurd** - February 04, 2021 at 11:08 AM

MK

“ *Dean, we are so sorry for your loss. We just heard about JoAnn's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

**Mel and Alice Klwman** - February 04, 2021 at 09:02 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of JoAnn Hitts.*



February 04, 2021 at 06:43 AM

JD

“ To Holly and family,  
We are so very sorry to hear about the passing of JoAnn. The last time I saw her, we were both shopping for rhubarb at a little red tent in Defiance. We always talked about our girls and about dogs. We know how you will miss her. We are sending our prayers.

With love,  
Marv and Judy Dickmann

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**Judy Dickmann** - February 03, 2021 at 06:19 PM

KB

“ Dean and family, we were so saddened to hear the news of JoAnn passing. We are so sorry for your loss. I have shared with my parents and they asked that I send their condolences too. Unfortunately it has been many years since we have seen your family but will always remember JoAnn's beautiful heart and loving personality. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Karen Swick Brewington (cousin) and Ted and Marlene Swick

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**Karen Brewington** - February 03, 2021 at 03:49 PM

LL

“ So sorry for your loss! Joann had such a beautiful heart. I will always cherish all the fun we had in high school. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you!  
Linda Fetter Lester

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**Linda Lester** - February 03, 2021 at 12:58 PM

MF

“ I have so many good memories of JoAnn at Youth Club. She always helped us make the best crafts! Praying for all of you.

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**Megan (Clausing) Spengler and Family** - February 03, 2021 at 12:57 PM

JG

“ Dear Dean and family—Was so very saddened to hear about JoAnn and your family’s loss! Was blessed to be able to run into her at DG in the card isle the first of October and we talked for at least a half hour just catching up!! She, as always, was her happy energetic being! She was always like a light in a storm and was always so very caring and concerned about other classmates and friends. Sorry we are not there but know you are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Blessings and Gods love to you all.  
Jerrie and Ken Gray



Jerrie and Ken Gray - February 02, 2021 at 11:44 PM

EI

“ Dean and family I am so sorry for your loss. I had just seen Joann in Walmart and we had a nice conversation catching up . She was talking about all her grandkids and their sports activities and how she loved cooking for them and taking care of everyone. We talked about this damn covid and how we are so sick of it but I remember her saying I’ll wear the damn mask so I can see my grandkids play! I am in disbelief and so sorry for your loss. Praying for all of you, Elaine Ingram  
“Igggy”

elaine ingram - February 02, 2021 at 08:55 PM

JR

“ Holly and Family, You have our deepest sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

John & Tresa Rowland - February 02, 2021 at 05:52 PM

CE

“ Cindy, Maria & Josh, Mike, Adam & Stacy and Ethan purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of JoAnn Hitts.



Cindy, Maria & Josh, Mike, Adam & Stacy and Ethan - February 02, 2021 at 12:12 PM

BS

“ Dean, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Bob Showman

Bob Showman - February 02, 2021 at 10:06 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of JoAnn Hitts.*



February 02, 2021 at 09:39 AM

JB

“ *Dean and family, you have our deepest sympathy on Jo Ann's passing. Her smile and laughter would light up any conversation. Always loves seeing her at events, she could always find the bright side of any situation. Carry the precious memories of her in your hearts! Sincerely Larry and Jan Brinkman*

**Janice Brinkman** - February 02, 2021 at 09:10 AM

BD

“ *So sorry to hear about your mom. Such a nice lady 🌻 prayers to the family*



**Barbara D'Angelo** - February 02, 2021 at 09:01 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of JoAnn Hitts.*



February 02, 2021 at 08:24 AM

JH

“ *Dean, I am so very sorry to hear of Jo Ann's passing. I have known you both for most of my life and I have such wonderful memories of our days at NHS. I too fondly remember Jo Ann during our cheerleading years together. Please know that my thoughts are with you and your family.  
Janis L Huston*

**Janis L Huston** - February 02, 2021 at 02:20 AM

JV

“ So sorry to hear about Joann passing away. I have fond memories of our cheerleading years together at NHS. I remember when she got her first car, a VW bug and we would ride around town feeling so happy and free. God bless her dear family.

Jane Kruse Vajda

Jane Vajda - February 01, 2021 at 12:09 PM

JS

“ Dean and family, please accept our deepest condolences on the loss of your wife, Mother and Grandmother. Joann was such a loving generous person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. Hugs to all, Jan and John Stover

Jan Stover - February 01, 2021 at 11:35 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of JoAnn Hitts.



February 01, 2021 at 11:26 AM

NG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. JoAnn was the best Grandma, many memories of her bringing her grandchildren to preschool, she loved the times they shared and made each grandchild always feel like they were her favorite. She would often share ideas and crafts, a strong Christian woman who loved her Lord. We saw each other at our grandchildren's school and sports events, she never seemed to miss anything they were in. I cannot imagine how much you must miss her smile and hugs. May the good memories you all have bring you comfort. God bless you all during the tough days ahead ,..

Nancy Gerken - January 31, 2021 at 11:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of JoAnn Hitts.



January 31, 2021 at 08:47 PM