



## Kari Shortridge

August 13, 1979 - May 25, 2025

Kari Elizabeth (Schnitkey) Shortridge, 45, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away on Monday, May 26, 2025. She was born in Napoleon on August 13, 1979, to Thomas and Mary (Fruth) Schnitkey. On April 28, 2017, she married Shawn Shortridge in Toledo, Ohio.

Kari was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church, Napoleon. She graduated from Napoleon High School and went on to Northwest State College before gaining her bachelor's degree in social work from Lourdes College. Kari was a licensed social worker for the city of Toledo as a probation officer.

She enjoyed going to concerts, especially NKOTB, and vacationing in Mexico regularly. Kari liked to sit by her pool and take care of her dogs. She was a loving wife, mother, and daughter, who enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Kari is survived by her husband, Shawn; daughter, Madisyn Schnitkey; mother, Mary; sister, Stephanie Smith; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Thomas; and sister Amy Krok.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon on Sunday, June 1, 2025, from 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM with a Rosary

Service at 7:00 PM. Mass will be celebrated on Monday, June 2, 2025, at St. Augustine Catholic Church, Napoleon, at 11:00 AM. A private interment will be held later at St. Augustine Catholic Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Augustine Catholic Church or your area humane society in Kari's honor. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Augustine's Cemetery

St. Rt. 108  
Napoleon, OH 43545

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 1. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Rosary Service

JUN 1. 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

JUN 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Augustine Catholic Church  
726 Monroe St.  
NAPOLEON, OH 43545



# Tribute Wall

TB

“ Kari was a delightful co-worker and I'm so sorry that this happened to her. She is gone too soon. My prayers and condolences are with the family. I wish I had spent more time....god speed Sweet Friend.



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**Tamara Bolfa** - June 04, 2025 at 01:51 PM

PS

“ Sending Sympathy for Mary & family. We remember when Kari and our daughter spent hours talking about NKOTB and doing Mad Libs! Beautiful memory.  
Sincerely, Paula & John Steele

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**Paula Steele** - June 02, 2025 at 11:55 AM

AB

“ Ohhhh dear friend! I cannot find the words! Now you can take your peaceful rest and not work so hard. Last time we spoke, less than two weeks ago; you told me you were tired. And I fussed at you “ out of pure love” like I’ve always did for years. Thank you for coming to my life at an unexpected time, we both needed each other friendship. Love and continued strength to your family.....you will forever be my Kare Bear.

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**Anitra B** - June 01, 2025 at 04:31 PM

SJ

“ Stephanie, Robin, Jill purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Kari Shortridge.



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**Stephanie, Robin, Jill** - May 30, 2025 at 07:20 PM

DL

“ Dawn Michelle Leiss purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kari Shortridge.



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**Dawn Michelle Leiss** - May 30, 2025 at 05:59 PM

PC

“ Paige & Trevor Clifford purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Kari Shortridge.



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**Paige & Trevor Clifford** - May 30, 2025 at 12:36 PM

RT

“ Ric and Thomas purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Kari Shortridge.



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**Ric and Thomas** - May 29, 2025 at 08:53 PM

RT

“ Ric and Thomas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kari Shortridge.

Ric and Thomas - May 29, 2025 at 08:53 PM

SK

“ Scott & Monica Krotzer purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kari Shortridge.



Scott & Monica Krotzer - May 29, 2025 at 07:47 PM

KK

“ Katie Krotzer purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Kari Shortridge.



Katie Krotzer - May 29, 2025 at 11:41 AM

BS

“ Bill “Billy” Stevens purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Kari Shortridge.



Bill “Billy” Stevens - May 29, 2025 at 11:22 AM

NC

“ Norma Cruz purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Kari Shortridge.



Norma Cruz - May 29, 2025 at 10:50 AM

KI

“ Kari was kind to my father. She was good to her mother, and she LOVED her daughter. She was patient, forgiving and loved animals. She was a gentle and kind soul that I wish I had got to know better. Prayers for all the family. She was a bright star in a dim world.

kilm - May 28, 2025 at 08:13 PM

YF

“ Your Lowe's Family purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Kari Shortridge.



Your Lowe's Family - May 28, 2025 at 04:53 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kari Shortridge.



May 28, 2025 at 10:57 AM

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“ *Shelbie, Nicholas, and Kailyn (Loves) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kari Shortridge.*



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**Shelbie, Nicholas, and Kailyn (Loves)** - May 28, 2025 at 10:33 AM

JS

“ *Dear Mary and family, please accept our deepest condolences. May the Lord give you strength at this time. And grant Kari eternal peace*

*Sincerely, Jan and John Stover*

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**Jan Stover** - May 28, 2025 at 10:28 AM



“ *Kari and I met in 2017, and over time, we became incredibly close friends. Our morning conversations before work became a cherished routine, filled with meaningful chats and laughter that carried us through the day. She was not only my work buddy but also my lunch buddy, always bringing a smile and her unforgettable, infectious laugh. Kari filled our office with warmth, sass, kindness, and joy. Her presence made every day brighter, and work simply won't be the same without her. My continued thoughts and prayers are with you Madi, "Granny" and Shawn 💕*



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**Laura Beth** - May 27, 2025 at 07:01 PM

HR

“ Prayers and condolences from  
The Lowes family that worked with Kari the  
past few years.  
May God comfort all those who grieve and be  
your peace and hope in this time of great loss  
🙏🕊️



Heather R - May 27, 2025 at 06:52 PM

AE

“ Amy, Kim, Kyle, Kristi and Elaine purchased the  
Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kari Shortridge.



Amy, Kim, Kyle, Kristi and Elaine - May 27, 2025 at 05:42 PM

AE

“ Amy, Kim, Kyle, Kristi and Elaine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in  
honor of Kari Shortridge.

Amy, Kim, Kyle, Kristi and Elaine - May 27, 2025 at 05:42 PM