



Leora Helmke

November 2, 1926 - October 14, 2025

Leora Mae Helmke, 98, of Jewell, Ohio, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, in Wauseon, Ohio. She was born on November 2, 1926, in Holgate, Ohio, to the late Elmer and Lorena (Zachrich) Baker. On February 1, 1947, Leora married Frederick H. Helmke at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in New Bavaria. He preceded her in death on March 26, 2018.

Leora devoted her life to her family and faith. A lifelong homemaker, she was a dedicated member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Florida, Ohio, where she participated in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) and served as a Sunday school teacher for many years. She was also a proud member of the Jewell American Legion Post #635 Auxiliary and the River City Red Hatters, and she volunteered regularly at Defiance Regional Medical Center. Leora gave generously of her time as a 4-H advisor, guiding and encouraging youth in her community.

She is survived by her daughters, Marilyn (Thomas) Meek, Lois Schaffer, and Connie Aeschliman; eight grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her son-in-law, David Aeschliman; brothers, Arthur, Arnold, Lester, and Robert Baker; and sister, Erma Schliesser.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Florida, Ohio, where visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will follow at Riverview Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Peter Lutheran Church.
Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.rodembergergray.com

Cemetery Details

Riverview Memory Gardens

29321 County Rd 424
Defiance, OH 43512

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Lutheran Church
K980 County Road 17
Napoleon, OH 43545

Funeral Service

OCT **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Lutheran Church
K980 County Road 17
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Leora Helmke.*



October 20, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Leora Helmke.*



October 20, 2025 at 03:18 PM



“ *Your Library Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leora Helmke.*

Your Library Family - October 20, 2025 at 02:45 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Leora Helmke.*



October 20, 2025 at 02:45 PM

AF

“ and the Burkey/Brockway Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Leora Helmke.



and the Burkey/Brockway Family - October 20, 2025 at 10:41 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Leora Helmke.



October 20, 2025 at 09:52 AM

LM

“ Love, Julia, Phil& kids McCormack purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Leora Helmke.



Love, Julia, Phil& kids McCormack - October 18, 2025 at 08:29 PM

DH

“ So sorry for your loss but she had a wonderful reunion with your dad. I have fond memories of Lee. I think she was my Sunday School teacher and I know she was a friend to my mother (Dorothy Rausch). Blessings and God's loving arms around you during this time of remembrance and sorrow.
-- Diane (Rausch) Herman

Diane Herman - October 18, 2025 at 09:35 AM

KG

“ *Kinetiflo Group purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Leora Helmke.*



Kinetiflo Group - October 17, 2025 at 04:00 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Leora Helmke.*



October 16, 2025 at 11:28 PM

TR

“ *Tom, Laura, Jonathan, Juliana Rowlands planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leora Helmke.*

Tom, Laura, Jonathan, Juliana Rowlands - October 16, 2025 at 08:45 PM

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“ *Tom, Laura, Jonathan, Juliana Rowlands purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Leora Helmke.*



Tom, Laura, Jonathan, Juliana Rowlands - October 16, 2025 at 08:45 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Leora Helmke.*



October 16, 2025 at 04:32 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy on the passing of your mother / grandmother. She was a lovely lady . Dick and NEdine Buchhop*

NEdine Buchhop - October 16, 2025 at 03:48 PM