



Lorna Jean Miller

December 5, 1932 - January 6, 2015

Lorna J. Miller, 82 of Ridgeville Corners, Ohio died Tuesday, January 06, 2015 at Fulton County Health Center. She was born December 05, 1932 in Freedom Township to the late Arnold and Martha (Arps) Gerken. She was baptized and later confirmed her faith in her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in 1946. She was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Corners. She graduated from Ridgeville High School in 1950. On January 27, 1952, she married Leonard G. Miller in Freedom Township. The two made their home in Ridgeville Corners until 2012 when Lorna relocated to Fairlawn Haven, Archbold due to dementia.

Lorna assisted her husband in operating Miller Shell Service Station, catered weddings for nearly 20 years, preparing delicious meals for as many as 600 guests at a time, and substituted in the Archbold Middle School cafeteria. Lorna's family, church and community, as well as the Ridgeville American Legion Auxiliary are all testimonies of her faith, devotion and acts of service. As her children grew and left the nest, Lorna became well noted for routinely visiting residents who were either housebound or in nursing homes. Packaged sugar cookies and birthday candles rode along in Lorna's car to each destination "just in case" so that she could turn ordinary visits into birthday celebrations everywhere she went.

She is survived by her husband, Leonard; children, Michael (Barb) Miller, Archbold, Ohio, Lynn (Sue) Miller, Stryker, Ohio, Pamela Bly, Archbold, Ohio, Phillip Miller, and Peggy (Bob) Yoder, both of Ridgeville Corners, Ohio; 13

grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren; brothers, Lester (Gay) Gerken, Loraine, Ohio, LeVerne Gerken, Liberty Center, Ohio; sisters, Elvera Buckmaster, New Carlisle, Ohio, Lois (Bill) Creager, and Edith Miller, both of Napoleon. She was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Bruce Bly and infant brother, Dale Gerken.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Jan.12 at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Ridgeville Corners, Ohio. Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Sunday from 1-6 p.m. at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon and 1 hour prior to services at the church.

The family suggests memorials to Cherry Street Mission, Ridgeville Fire and Rescue, Archbold Fire Department, or WLMB-TV 40.

Online condolences may be made at www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Peter Lutheran Cemetery

CO RD X
Ridgeville Corners, OH 43555

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

JAN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Lutheran Church
20-191 US Highway 6
Ridgeville Corners, OH 43555

Service

JAN 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LS

“ I first met Lorna in 7th grade, Ridgeville Corners School. I fondly remember the twinkle in her eyes, her warm welcoming smile, and those German coffee cakes they served! Pam and I were in some of the same classes (Mrs. Otte's Home Ec class and others). I was pleased when my nephew, Bob Yoder, married Peg. He's fortunate to be part of the Miller family.

Linda Yoder Szilagye - January 11, 2015 at 08:13 AM

SS

“ Stuart, Kristi, Hannah, Cade, Isaac and Sarah purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Lorna Jean Miller.



Stuart, Kristi, Hannah, Cade, Isaac and Sarah - January 10, 2015 at 07:24 AM

RR

“ Randall B. Ridley purchased the Let It Snow for the family of Lorna Jean Miller.



Randall B. Ridley - January 09, 2015 at 10:58 AM

LR

“ *What a blessing for you all to know that your much loved Mom (and wife) is now in heaven with her Jesus. A giving, sharing, hardworking, joyful person is how I remember her. She was a blessing to so many for so many years. We rejoice with you and also know your sorrow. May God comfort you all in this time*

Linda Ridley - January 08, 2015 at 10:57 PM

BR

“ *Sincere sympathy to you, Leonard, and your family. Remembering especially the support Lorna gave us during Dad's illness. And also remembering the good times with all our Gerken cousins at Grandmother and Grandfather Arps's farm. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.*
Beverly Arps Robinson

Bev Robinson - January 08, 2015 at 08:46 PM

CL

“ *Cindy Leenen lit a candle in memory of Lorna Jean Miller*



cindy leenen - January 08, 2015 at 03:13 PM

DE

“ *What a treat for Mom...to be up in heaven with her wonderful LORD and Saviour. To leave her lovely family here, but see Him face to face, well, from one love to another. And to think that all will be together in eternity when the FATHER calls His family home. I rejoice with you, Peg, Bob and family. It's wonderful to start the new year. Love you, Darla*

Darla E. - January 08, 2015 at 02:49 PM

DO

“ *To Uncle Leonard and family,*

Aunt Lornie was such a wonderful example to all of us. She was always so pleasant and willing to help anyone who needed help or encouragement. We have many wonderful memories of her and know she will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends. Heaven has a new, beautiful angel. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Love from Jerry, Diann and all of the Onofrio family

Diann Onofrio - January 08, 2015 at 01:49 PM

LY

“ *Mom and I send our sincere deepest sympathy to the Miller family. It is an honor to be a part of your lives and we wish we could be there with you. Love, Olive & Laurie*

Laurie Bly Young - January 08, 2015 at 12:51 PM

TK

“ *Tim Kolhoff lit a candle in memory of Lorna Jean Miller*



Tim Kolhoff - January 08, 2015 at 12:07 PM

TK

Thoughts and prayers to Mrs. Miller's family at this most difficult time. RIP Lorna!

Tim Kolhoff - January 08, 2015 at 12:10 PM

CL

We would like to extend our sympathy to the entire Miller family... Lorna was an exceptional person! Always smiling and happy...and a hard worker!! :) RIP Lorna, now In the loving arms of Jesus!

cindy leenen - January 08, 2015 at 03:12 PM

DK

*We would like to let the entire Miller family that we express our sincere sympathy for the loss of your wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She always had a smile and a laugh.
Dave & Karen Keesbery, wintering in FL*

David & Karen Keesbery - January 08, 2015 at 05:14 PM

RR

Our sincere sympathy to all of you. Oh, how I remember all those great times we had as kids growing up, we played while Mom & Lorna visited. How many times I wished I knew German so I could figure out what they were saying. Lorna held a special place in our hearts. Cherish the times you had, and receive comfort in the knowledge that she is now with our Lord, face to face.

Diane & Rick Roehl

Rick & Diane Roehl - January 09, 2015 at 08:56 AM

MB

*Leonard & family,
Our thoughts and prayers goes out to you on the loss of a wonderful lady. I remember her as a caring, loving person to all who needed a little help!! May fond memories of your wife & mom bring you comfort in your time of loss.
God's blessings, Marsha & Lynn Bostelman*

Marsha Bostelman - February 09, 2015 at 01:53 PM