



Marilyn A. Leaders

December 1, 1927 - April 7, 2022

Marilyn A. Leaders of Napoleon, Ohio met her Heavenly Father on April 7, 2022. She was born December 1, 1927 to Clarence and Freda (Armbruster) Huddle. She was baptized by Rev. F.J. Lankenau and confirmed by Rev. Martin J. Zschoche in St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon. She attended the Spangler country school and later Napoleon City Schools, graduating in 1945 as class salutatorian.

She married Lawrence C. Leaders of Holgate on January 17, 1948 in St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon. He preceded her in death in 2006. Her greatest joy was her family. She is survived by her children, Karen (special friend, Roger Rex) Steiner, Defiance, and Janet (Allen) Shutt, Tiffin; Kevin (Evie) Leaders, Napoleon; and Marsha (fiancé, Gary Cousin) Leaders, Derwood, Maryland; grandchildren, Brad (Kristin) Leaders, Napoleon; Kristi Leaders, Napoleon; Eliot Sasaki, Washington, D.C.; and Alex Sasaki, Tucson, Arizona; and great grandchildren, Jacob and Addison Leaders, Napoleon. She is also survived by brothers, Herb Huddle and Jay (Phoebe) Huddle, of Napoleon. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her brother, Dwight Huddle, and sisters-in-law, Hazel Huddle, Norma Huddle and Betty Huddle; and son-in-law Ron Steiner.

She was a faithful member of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Florida, Ohio. She was a 50-year member of the Gerken-Hurd American Legion Auxiliary 654,

Florida, for which she wrote a history of the post which disbanded in 1986, and the Bert G. Taylor American Auxiliary, a member and past regent of the Elijah Gunn Sr. Chapter DAR, a blood mobile volunteer for many years, a Cub Scout den mother, past member of the Henry County Historical Society and the Hottel-Keller Memorial, Inc. of Virginia.

Marilyn was an avid reader and enjoyed genealogy, cross word puzzles, and filling the pages of many photo and family scrapbooks, which she called her archives. When she married Lawrence, she became a farmer's wife and was a vital part of the farming operation, helping on the family farm into her nineties. She was a loving and devoted caregiver for her parents and elderly aunts and uncles. In her thoughtful and caring ways, she touched many lives over the years.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 11, 2022, at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Florida, with Pastor Jacob Stuenkel officiating. Visitation will be two hours prior to the service. Interment will be at Riverview Memorial Gardens, Defiance. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to St. Peter Lutheran Church, The Gideons International or a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Memory Gardens

29321 County Rd 424
Defiance, OH 43512

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 11. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Lutheran Church-Florida, Ohio
K980 County Road 17D
Napoleon, OH 43545

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Marilyn's Family, Heartfelt sympathy to each of you on the loss of Marilyn. Marilyn was friends with my mother Jackie Sautter. She would often take time to drive to Archbold to Fairlawn Haven to visit with mom and share a small gift or sometimes a book. Mother spoke highly of Marilyn. Just wanted you to know my mother was so touched by Marilyn's friendship and kindness.*

Renee Sautter Yoder - April 19, 2022 at 12:39 PM

“ Dear Marilyn's Family,

I always found it a pleasure to visit with Marilyn. She was gracious, interesting to talk with, and kind to me. We shared a love of nature, gardening, and appreciation of family and history. I knew not to call her and stop in for a visit on a nice, "sunny day", as she would probably be at Leaders Farms or someplace outside, helping out or in later years just thoroughly enjoying farm life and being with family. She was a "nature girl", but also had indoor pastimes she very much enjoyed. On my last visit with her, the week before she passed on, Marilyn showed me her parents and other loved ones Baptismal certificates, neatly rolled up in a basket, as I had brought my mother's to show her, with it being written in German and my not being sure if it was a baptismal or confirmation certificate or record. Family and family history was so important to her.

Marilyn was a very good, life-long friend to my mother Eleonore Glanz (Elling),with their having been confirmed together in the Lutheran faith many years ago. Their friendship stood the test of time as they both graduated from the Napoleon City Schools in 1945 and then worked for their high school, with Marilyn as the secretary for the Industrial Arts Department head (Mr. Miller), and my mother as secretary for the High School principal (Mr. Titus). They both got married, raised families, were help-mates to their husbands, gave of their time and talents to the community, and never lost touch through the years as my parents relocated to different states. That was a special generation.

I remember greatly enjoying reading Marilyn's letter or insert in her annual Christmas card sent to my parents wherever they lived, in which she detailed "life on the farm" through the months and seasons, a wonderful sort of "almanac". When my mother passed away, I think she sensed that I was greatly missing my mother, and extended her friendship to me. I think she was, at heart, a shy and sensitive person. But she did like to laugh! I will miss our visits very much, but it is good to know she is now reunited with Lawrence and

many other loved ones in heaven.

Marilyn gave me some of her flowers and plants I think last summer, as she was "paring down" her flower beds at home. I then planted her gifts at my home and at our Henry County Cultural Center, the same building where Marilyn went to school at and then worked at. I will think of her as I tend to her flowers and plants at home and at our center.

Marilyn told me that she and Lawrence and my mother and father (Eleonore and Roland) used to have picnics together in the woods on a nice day when they were both young couples. I like to think they can do this again now, at any time they want. It's a nice thought. Marilyn was wonderful woman.

I know you are all missing her very much. You are all in my prayers.

Thinking of you all,

Kevin Glanz

Kevin E. Glanz - April 13, 2022 at 04:40 PM

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“*Marilyn and Lawrence befriended my parents, Ron & Dolores Zachrich, for many years. Our family shares wonderful memories of times spent together. Reesa and I send our heartfelt condolences to the family. - David and Ann Zachrich & Reesa and Frank Rohrs*

David Zachrich - April 11, 2022 at 02:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Marilyn A. Leaders.



April 08, 2022 at 07:27 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Marilyn A. Leaders.



April 08, 2022 at 06:51 PM