



## Marilyn M. Zimmerman-Fretz

March 29, 1939 - May 12, 2017

Marilyn M. Zimmerman-Fretz, 78, of Napoleon, Ohio died Friday, May 12, 2017 at the Toledo Hospital. She was born in Napoleon, Ohio on March 29, 1939 to the late Carl and Doris (Harmon) Kruse.

Marilyn worked for Sprint Telecommunications for over 30 years. She was an active member at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon. She loved donating her time and helping others. She volunteered as a Grey Lady at the Henry County Hospital, belonged to the Independent Telecommunications Pioneer Association (ITPA) and helped organize the annual American Red Cross blood drive at the Napoleon American Legion. She served as president of the Henry County American Legion Ladies Auxiliary for the Napoleon American Legion Post for many years. She was an avid bowler and past president of the Women's Bowling Association. Marilyn loved to cook and enjoyed spending time with her grandkids.

She is survived by her daughter, Lisa (Brad) Vajen of Wauseon, Ohio, grandchildren; Zachary, Braden, and Alex, and brother, Norman (Sue) Kruse of Napoleon, Ohio.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 18th at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon. Interment will be held at Riverview Memory Gardens following the service.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. American Legion Auxiliary will be having a service at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Emanuel Lutheran Church, BGT Charities Fund, or the American Red Cross.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 17. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Legion Auxiliary Service

MAY 17. 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

MAY 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Emanuel Lutheran Church  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## Service

MAY 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Emanuel Lutheran Church  
Napoleon, OH 43545



# Tribute Wall

LR

“ I got to know her from her coming into Hill's..... she was such a great lady.... she will be deeply missed

Linda A Rodriguez - May 20, 2017 at 04:48 PM

JS

“ Lisa,

I am so sorry for your loss. We loved your mom. She was such a wonderful lady. Always happy and so very helpful! It is no surprise that you turned out to be such a wonderful woman yourself! Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Jolene and Mark Sigg and Family

JOLENE SIGG - May 18, 2017 at 07:26 AM

DG

“ Lisa, Norman, Family and Friends: So sorry for your loss. I will always remember Marilyn's kind heart, big smile and laugh. Sending deepest sympathies and prayers of comfort. Darlene Harmon Grieser

Darlene J Grieser - May 17, 2017 at 10:39 AM

LR

“ Lisa Ricker lit a candle in memory of Marilyn M. Zimmerman-Fretz



Lisa Ricker - May 16, 2017 at 08:45 PM

LJ

“ Norm & Sue, So sorry to hear of your sister's passing. I just saw her at the Legion 2 weeks ago. She was a star in her own rite...always doing for others. May God hold you in his arms during this time of sorrow. She will be missed by all her friends. Thinking of your family in this sad time. Love, Linda Johnson

Linda Johnson - May 16, 2017 at 05:42 PM

DT

“ Prayers for family and everyone who knew this wonderful caring lady. She will be missed.



Deanna Taylor - May 16, 2017 at 12:18 PM

LE

“ Love, Randy, Carol & Eunice purchased the Lord's Prayer 44" Sonnet for the family of Marilyn M. Zimmerman-Fretz.



Love, Randy, Carol & Eunice - May 16, 2017 at 11:40 AM

LH

“ Lois Howell lit a candle in memory of Marilyn M. Zimmerman-Fretz



Lois Howell - May 16, 2017 at 08:40 AM

LH

*Her smile will be greatly missed.*

Lois Howell - May 16, 2017 at 08:42 AM



“ *A wonderful person with a heart for others. God bless! - Paul Miller*

Paul Miller - May 16, 2017 at 07:08 AM

TS

“ *Growing up I always knew Marilyn as Lisa's mom. I really got to know her in 2002 when we worked on the Symphony of Trees together. She was a woman that gave of herself wholeheartedly to a cause. And was not afraid to work. I loved her spirit & her smile. Napoleon was blessed to have such a wonderful woman who was so devoted to service. She will be missed.*

Tricia Short - May 16, 2017 at 12:01 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marilyn M. Zimmerman-Fretz.*



May 15, 2017 at 08:40 PM

JV

“ *John And Sheila Vajen lit a candle in memory of Marilyn M. Zimmerman-Fretz*



John and Sheila Vajen - May 15, 2017 at 06:14 PM

JV

*Lisa, Brad and family: We are so sorry for you your loss. Marilyn always had a smile on her face and was a compassionate woman. Our prayers to your family at this time.*

**John and Sheila Vajen** - May 15, 2017 at 06:18 PM

DE

“ *So sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathies to the family.*

**Debbie** - May 15, 2017 at 04:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marilyn M. Zimmerman-Fretz.*



May 15, 2017 at 02:26 PM

MD

“ *We are so very sorry to hear about the passing of Marilyn. Marilyn was a bridesmaid in our wedding. She was always cheerful and full of fun. Marilyn was always ready to help do something for someone. We will miss her smiling face and we know how all of you will miss her.*

*Marv and Judy Dickmann*

**Marv and Judy Dickmann** - May 15, 2017 at 02:15 PM

SL

“ *So sorry to hear about your mom. Fond memories of her. She and my parents had lots of fun together.*

**Shirley Leslie** - May 15, 2017 at 12:30 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marilyn M. Zimmerman-Fretz.



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May 15, 2017 at 11:45 AM



“ Marilyn was a wonderful, giving lady. She will be sorely missed. I admire her legacy.

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**Rosalie Sauber** - May 15, 2017 at 11:08 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Marilyn's passing. She will forever be remembered by her ITPA family as a loving, caring person who was dedicated to Pioneering. She will be missed.

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**Cindy Downing** - May 15, 2017 at 07:34 AM