



Marlene Marie Sonnenberg

June 16, 1945 - May 30, 2026

Marlene Marie Sonnenberg, 80, of Napoleon, Ohio, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 30, 2026, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on June 16, 1945, on her family's farm in Deshler, Ohio, to the late Herman and Hilda (Drewes) Behrman. On May 29, 1966, she married Norman C. Sonnenberg at St. John Lutheran Church in Deshler, Ohio. He preceded her in death on August 22, 2025.

After graduating from Hamler high school in 1963, Marlene worked as a secretary at Frost Insurance for many years. She was a faithful member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, where she was active in the Altar Guild, the school library, the school lunchroom, and the First Fruits Food Pantry.

In addition to caring for her home and family, Marlene enjoyed flower gardening and baking. She especially loved spending time with her family during the Christmas season and took great joy in spoiling her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughters, Kim (Todd) Stouffer and Tammy (Buffard) Butler; grandchildren, Devyn (Dennis) Patel, Ericka (Jacob) Prigge, Ross (Adrienne Waisner) Butler, Kaden (Kelsey) Stouffer and Kara Butler; great grandchildren, Jayce and Adelyn Patel and Mack and Grayli Prigge; and siblings, Donald Behrman, Norbert (Sandy) Behrman, Lois (Lester) Boulton, and Betty (Larry) Glanz. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Elaine (Russ) Meyer; and sister-in-law, Carol Behrman.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2026, at St.

Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon, where visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service. Interment will follow at Forest Hill Cemetery in Napoleon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Elara Caring Hospice or St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home is honored to assist the family. Online condolences may be shared at www.rodenbergergray.com.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

500 E. Maumee Ave
Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 4. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
1075 Glenwood Ave
Napoleon, OH 43545

Funeral Service

JUN 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

WW

“ To Marlene’s family. We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Your mom was such a sweet person always willing to help us out at the insurance company I sure hope she enjoyed her retirement. Fly high Marlene. Will and Pat

will wagner - June 06 at 05:11 PM

TB

“ Teresa B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marlene Marie Sonnenberg.

Teresa B. - June 04 at 05:15 PM

RS

“ Ronda Steimel purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Marlene Marie Sonnenberg.



Ronda Steimel - June 03 at 09:41 PM

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Ronda Steimel - June 03 at 09:41 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marlene Marie Sonnenberg.*



June 03 at 04:54 PM



“ *Steven S. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marlene Marie Sonnenberg.*



Steven S. - June 03 at 03:23 PM



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