



Martha C. Young

July 8, 1928 - November 20, 2013

Martha C. Young, 85 of Napoleon, Ohio passed away Wednesday, November 20, 2013 peacefully at her residence. She was born July 8, 1928 in Napoleon Township, Ohio to Ferd and Mary (Otte) Wachtman. She was baptized on July 22, 1928 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon Township with the Rev. George Haas administering the sacrament. In 1942, Martha confirmed her baptismal faith at St. Paul with the Rev. George Hueter performing the rite. Martha was a hard worker who took pride in the various jobs she held throughout her life. She attended Napoleon High School, graduating in 1947. During her senior year, she began working for Home Oil Co., TBA Division and continued to work there for 43 years until the company was closed. Not long after completing her time at Home Oil, Martha was offered a job by the Henry County Auditor in the Real Estate Division. She worked there until health issues forced her retirement in October, 2013.

Martha was a longtime member of Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon, Ohio, active in the WELCA women's group, teaching Sunday school, and as a music lover, singing in the choir for 40 years. She served in various offices on the Church Council, most recently as the Finance Chairman. She gathered the history of Emanuel to include on the church website, and served on the Endowment Fund Committee.

Martha was also a longtime Republican, the highlight being Ronald Reagan's visit to Napoleon on July 9, 1977, for which she handled all the publicity. She eventually became a member of the Henry County Republican Central

Committee, serving as Secretary for 16 years. Martha also enjoyed taking part in previous MVC Theater productions and served as Publicity Chairman for the Henry County Community Concert Association. She was on the committee that started the Octoberfest Fundraiser for the Lutheran Home in 1988. And Martha was even sponsored by the ACLL as a candidate for Henry County Woman of the year in 1982.

Martha is survived by her two sisters, Marie (Herbert, deceased) Panning and Hilda (John F.) Green, both of Napoleon, her brother, Donald (Carolyn) Wachtman of Pickerington, Ohio and many loving nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother, Bill (Mildred) Wachtman and sister, Laura (Lawrence) Bahler.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24, at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon. Interment will be held on Monday at 10 a.m. at Glenwood Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon and Sunday from 2-3 p.m. at Emanuel Lutheran Church.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Emanuel Lutheran Church, Hospice of Henry County or a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com.

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“ *My thoughts and prayers to the family. Martha was truly a remarkable woman and was loved by many.*

Candy Weirauch - December 03, 2013 at 08:00 AM

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“ *Martha was so loved by both us. She served s a mentor to us as she did many others. She delighted in us and our children and made us feel so welcome when we joined Emanuel in 1989. She and Gary served together on council, on worship & doctrine committee, and sang in the choir together. I served as President Elect when she was President of WELCA and she watched out for me and taught me so much. My favorite aspect of Martha is that she had a way of respecting tradition but appreciating and welcoming new ideas also. I am a Democrat but she once told me she loved me anyway! She sure had a great sense of humor! We will miss her always. Our sympathies to her family.*

Jamie & Gary Bostelman - December 03, 2013 at 07:59 AM

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“ *We met Martha through the Republican Central Committee. She was always so friendly and welcoming. Even when she was not feeling well she always had an encouraging word to say and a smile on her face. She was an amazing lady, who did so much to make the world a better place. She will be missed.*

Chris & Vanessa Ridley - December 03, 2013 at 07:59 AM