



Mary Alice Witte

February 23, 1930 - March 2, 2023

Mary Alice Witte, 93, of Hamler, Ohio died peacefully on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at the Henry County Hospital with her family by her side. She was born February 23, 1930 in Henry County, Ohio to the late Carl and Valeta (Rohrs) Freytag.

Mary was a 1948 graduate of Ridgeville High School; where she was a member of the high school band and over the years, she still enjoyed playing her Cornet. On May 1, 1949, she married Louis Witte at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township.

Mary Alice was a homemaker and farmer's wife. She helped on the family farm and spent countless hours tending to the garden and canning vegetables and fruit. She was a self-taught seamstress and won several Blue Ribbon awards for entries in the county fair. She also assisted her church, Hope Lutheran Church, Hamler, to create blankets and her sense of giving continued to the end, as she helped tie plastic bags for The Mat Weaver's Ministry. She was a member of Hope Lutheran Church, where she taught Sunday school and belonged to the Women of the church.

Mary Alice was such a devoted wife and mother and is survived by her husband of 73 years, Louis; children; Helen Witte, Joan (John) Von Deylen, William "Bill" Witte, David Witte, Linda (Gary) Kadesch, and Sandra (Edward) Updike; 10 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; and siblings, Theodore "Ted" Freytag, Frederick "Fritz" (Marilyn) Freytag, and sister-in-law, Harriet Freytag; and special friends, Dorothy Kolberg and Evelyn Prigge. She was

also preceded in death by a daughter, Donna Witte; brothers, Ralferd and Robert "Bob" (Arlene) Freytag and sister-in-law, Betty Freytag.

A celebration of life in honor of Mary Alice will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 8th at Hope Lutheran Church, Hamler, Ohio. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Funeral services will be livestreamed on the Hope Lutheran Church Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/hopelutheranchurchhamler>

Viewing and visitation will be held on Tuesday from 3-7 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Hope Lutheran Church or The Mat Weaver's Ministry.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.rodenbergergray.com

Cemetery Details

Hope - St. Stephens Lutheran Cemetery

Hamler, OH

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 7. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Celebration of Life Service

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Hope Lutheran Church
Hamler, OH

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Video*



Rodenberger Funeral Home - October 19, 2023 at 11:14 AM

NS

“ *Family of Mary Alice Witte,
You have our deepest sympathy! My husband Norbert Sonnenberg & I are members of St. Paul's and he remembers you and I knew Valeta after we got married. Ted & Fritz are still members. May you all find peace & comfort in knowing that she is with her Lord & Savior!! Norbert & Linda Sonnenberg*

Norbert C. Sonnenberg - March 07, 2023 at 03:05 PM



“ *Mary Alice always called me her part time girl. When I was in elementary school she babysit me quite often i would get on the bus with sandy. She will be missed. Diane , sunderman / Zimmer.*

Steve Zimmer - March 06, 2023 at 09:01 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Witte.*



March 06, 2023 at 01:54 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Witte.* ”



March 06, 2023 at 01:52 PM

HF

“ Dear Louis & family:

I have many fond memories of Mary Alice over the many years I knew her.

The first time I met Mary Alice was when I made the very cold, snowy trip right after Christmas 1961 from Ottawa, Canada to Ohio with her brother Ralferd to meet his family. As I remember there were about 70 relatives gathered in the church hall to welcome me to the family. I am sure Mary Alice had a hand in baking goodies for that occasion.

Afterwards when visiting Ohio, we spent many happy times in their family home enjoying the hospitality, often with their children joining us, and together savouring the delicious food so lovingly prepared by Mary Alice. It was always a pleasure to get Mary Alice's newsy letters or talk to her on the phone when she told us about all the activities she was engaged in and the latest family news. Her family and home were the centre of her life. In the phone calls, she and Ralferd often reminisced about people they both had known..

She never lost her zest for life even in her last years. One memory I have was when we happened to be in Napoleon at the time of the Henry County Fair and there saw, first hand, her 1st prize perfect, beautiful peaches glowing in the glass jar with the prize ribbon attached . She was so pleased winning that prize.

May the Lord's Resurrection which we will soon celebrate be a comfort and sure hope for you all.

*With much love and many prayers for you all,
Harriet Freytag*

Harriet Freytag - March 04, 2023 at 06:04 PM

BC

“ *Louis and families, I'm so sorry to hear of Mary Alice's passing. Please know that we will be thinking of you all, especially at this time. It's been quite a while since I've been able to get to Ohio but loved seeing you when I did. Thoughts and prayers for God's comfort at this time. May she rest in peace.*
Cousin, Barbara Rabe Curtindale (Michigan)

Barbara & Edward Curtindale - March 04, 2023 at 04:31 PM

LF

“ *Larry and Leona Witte and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Alice Witte.*



Larry and Leona Witte and family - March 03, 2023 at 05:40 PM

MB

“ *Louis and Family: I have fond memories of your wife/mother and extend my heartfelt sympathy to each of you. May you find comfort and peace knowing that she now rests totally in God's Hands.*
Margaret Behnfeldt

Margaret Behnfeldt - March 03, 2023 at 05:37 PM