



## Mildred Helen Bostelman

October 16, 1933 - October 13, 2025

Mildred Helen (Gobrogge) Bostelman, 91, of Defiance, Ohio, went home to the Lord on Monday, October 13, 2025. She was born on October 16, 1933, to the late Martin and Martha (Benien) Gobrogge in Hamler, Ohio. On January 31, 1955, she married Marvin Bostelman, and he preceded her in death on September 5, 1987.

She was a faithful member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona, where she would often devote her time helping with funeral dinners. Mildred was a loving farm wife for most of her life and would always keep busy with various tasks on the farm, walking, gardening, and reading her daily devotions. She was a member of Ridgeville American Legion Post 454, where she catered for many events with various friends. She also enjoyed working and caring for people through Lutheran Services for 19 years. Mildred would often bake pies and coffee cakes for family.

Mildred is survived by her children, Jean (Vince) Herman, Janice (Chuck) Leopold, Judy (Bill) Haase, John (Karen) Bostelman, Julie (William) Schudel, and Joann (Darren) Yackee; 14 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren (With two on the way); sister, Margaret Philipot; sister-in-law, Marilyn Behrman; as well as many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Mildred is preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Bostelman; son, James Bostelman; and siblings, Janette Edmonds, Richard Gobrogge, as well as

stillborn infant twins, Mary Ann and Mary Lou Gobrogge.

Services for Mildred will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona on Monday, October 20, 2025, at 12:00 pm, noon. Visitation will be held on the same day from 10:00 am until time of services. Interment will follow at the church cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to Elara Home Care and Hospice, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, or Glenn Park of Defiance. Online condolences may also be left for the family at [www.rodembergergray.com](http://www.rodembergergray.com).

The funeral for Mildred can be live streamed through the church YouTube Channel at <https://www.bethlehemokolona.org/live-stream>

# Cemetery Details

## Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery, Okolona

30997 Gerken Road  
Defiance, OH 43512

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **20**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona  
30997 Gerken Road  
Defiance, OH 43512

## Funeral Service

OCT **20**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Judy, Bill & the family of Mildred Bostelman: You have our deepest sympathy in the loss of your Mother. She lived a good life at the age of almost 92...and is in heaven working for the Lord now.*  
*Norbert & Linda Sonnenberg*

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**Norbert & Linda Sonnenberg** - October 19, 2025 at 07:09 PM

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“ *Carol Mitchell Ray Grace Brandon Kathy purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mildred Helen Bostelman.*



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**Carol Mitchell Ray Grace Brandon Kathy** - October 17, 2025 at 11:50 AM

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“ *Mildred was such a kind, funny and lovely person. I enjoyed so very much caring for her and she was always gracious to me. I will miss her smile and when she would tell me she liked my singing. Thank you to all of you I met while Mildred was at Glenn Park for giving me the privilege to care for her. I hope I made a difference and I'm glad I could make her laugh.*



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**Tammy Westfall** - October 16, 2025 at 03:43 PM

CO

“ Dear Jean Helen,  
I always enjoyed running into your Mom over the years and hearing about you and your family. she was always smiling!  
My condolences to your family on her passing. Hope your happy memories bring you comfort during this rough time.  
Chris Oberlin

Chris Oberlin - October 16, 2025 at 01:53 PM

PL

Dear family!  
I loved Mildred! She was such an amazing woman! She was a very hard worker and a wonderful cook!  
May God comfort you all during this time! Love you all! Pam L. 💜🙏

Pam Leonard - October 19, 2025 at 07:09 PM

RF

“ Robert & Sherri Gerken & family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mildred Helen Bostelman.



Robert & Sherri Gerken & family - October 16, 2025 at 06:37 AM

CT

“ Conagra Brands - Archbold Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mildred Helen Bostelman.



Conagra Brands - Archbold Team - October 15, 2025 at 10:54 AM