



## Norma Jean Brandt

August 30, 1931 - December 30, 2017

Norma Jean Brandt, 86, of Defiance, Ohio died peacefully on Saturday, December 30, 2017 at Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center. She was born August 30, 1931 in Ridgeville Corners to the late Herman and Helen (Hainke) Hesterman. On January 21, 1951, she married Carl Brandt at St. John Lutheran Church, Stryker and he preceded her in death on May 27, 2016. Norma worked at Yoder and Frey Auctioneers in Archbold for over 60 years and farmed right beside her husband. She was an avid quilter and enjoyed traveling with her husband. But most of all, she loved her family and the Lord Jesus with all her heart!

Norma was a 1949 graduate of Ridgeville High School. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Corners until marriage and then joined St. John Lutheran, Stryker. She was a former Sunday school teacher, senior choir member, President of the Ladies Aid Society, member of the LWML, and past youth leader.

She is survived by her children, Alan Brandt of Cleveland, Ohio and Lisa (Mark) Baker of Waldron, Michigan, grandchildren, Nathan (Mattea) Baker, Stephanie (Kyle) Johnson, Katherine (Scott) Solo, Anna Baker, Zaire Paschal, X'vere Paschal, Z'marea Paschal, great grandchildren, Mason Jean Johnson, Rylan Baker, and Cade Johnson, brother, Victor (Norma) Hesterman of Los Altos Hills, California, sister, Margery (Eugene) Reese of Angola, Indiana and sister-in-law, Margaret Hesterman of Archbold, Ohio and Fran Hesterman of Oklahoma. She was also preceded in death by brothers, Lee, Dale, and

Lawrence Hesterman.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 5, 2018 at St. John Lutheran Church, Stryker, Ohio. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held at St. John Lutheran Church on Thursday from 2-8 p.m.. and Friday from 10-11 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Children Ministries or to the family of Norma Jean Brandt for charities to be determined at a later date.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon, Ohio. Online condolences may be made at [www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. John Lutheran Cemetery, Stryker

23120 US Highway 6  
Stryker, OH 43557

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 4. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church - Stryker  
23120 US Highway 6  
Stryker, OH 43557

## Visitation

JAN 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church - Stryker  
23120 US Highway 6  
Stryker, OH 43557

## Service

JAN 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church - Stryker  
23120 US Highway 6  
Stryker, OH 43557



# Tribute Wall

AS

“ My siblings and I had the most wonderful times staying with my godparents, Norma Jean and Carl, and our wonderful cousins, Alan and Lisa, at the farm in the summertime. Norma Jean and Carl were both such loving, fun, and godly people to be with. Norma Jean served people continually, always working on a project for someone, always taking things in stride, never petty or irritated, because she was thinking of others. What a role model! What great memories we have of those visits! May their memory be eternal!

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**Anne Schoepp** - March 09, 2018 at 03:03 AM

BH

“ Lisa, Alan and family, There are no words to express how much love and respect I have for your mom. We worked together for years and she always was a part of our extended family. Her dedication to Yoder and Frey and to our parents was second to none. What a beautiful smile she always wore and an equally beautiful heart.....she will be missed by many and always loved. Becki Frey Van Horn

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**Becki Frey Van Horn** - January 04, 2018 at 09:14 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Brandt.



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January 04, 2018 at 08:50 AM

JS

“ *Norma Jean was a kind and loving cousin. She loved her family and her Lord. May God comfort the family.*

*Dan & Jan Schult*

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**Janice Schult** - January 03, 2018 at 09:34 AM

FH

“ *Fran Hesterman purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Norma Jean Brandt.*



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**Fran Hesterman** - January 02, 2018 at 07:33 PM

FS

“ *Fay Sharpe purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Norma Jean Brandt.*



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**Fay Sharpe** - January 02, 2018 at 03:40 PM

SS

“ *Norma was a Blessing to all who knew her... She & Carl were such important people in my Mom's (Esther Schar) life story. May God Bless her and her family at this time. She will be forever cherished! - The Ken Schar Family*

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**Steve Schar** - January 01, 2018 at 09:10 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Brandt.* ”



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December 30, 2017 at 11:30 PM