



## Nova Zimmerman

August 9, 1916 - March 29, 2015

Nova Zimmerman, 98, long time resident of Napoleon, Ohio and most recently of Danville, Ca. died peacefully on Sunday, March 29th, 2015. She was born in Greenville, Ohio, the daughter of Clyde and Frances Ashman on August 9th, 1916. On March 22nd, 1940 she married Lyman Zimmerman. He preceded her in death in 1977. Her beloved grandson, Trevor Zimmerman, and her sister Charlene Ashman both preceded Nova's death.

She is survived by her sons and their spouses, Douglas and his wife Marilyn and Greg and his wife, Christine along with two grandchildren, Jason of Danville, Ca. and Kathryn of Walnut Creek, Ca. and four great grandchildren. Another sister, Glenna survives and resides in Greenville, Ohio.

She was a graduate of Miami University. Before moving to Napoleon in 1955 she was a teacher in the Cincinnati Schools. Later she became Recreation Director for Delco Products in Dayton, Ohio.

Nova moved to San Francisco to join Lyman during WWII and taught school at the Sarah Dix School for girls and later became Co-Ed Program Director for the SF Central YMCA.

Upon moving to Napoleon, she taught school in the Henry County schools. Nova was a very active and involved member of the community. She opened and operated the first nursery school in Napoleon, was an active member of the PTA, served as a member of the board for the Community Band and helped in the formation of the Maumee Civic Theatre group.

After teaching in McClure for several years she left to pursue a career in real

estate and enjoyed a very successful career in the Northwestern Ohio real estate industry. She was proud of her many accomplishments including Realtor of the Year for the NW Board of Realtors, Trustee for the Ohio Board of Realtors and a member of the Million Dollar Club. She was active in the Napoleon Chamber of Commerce and served as secretary. She was President of the Revitalization and Restoration committee; organizer of the Chamber's Annual Snow Ball Dance and was named Napoleon's Citizen of the Year in 1985.

Nova worked alongside many of Napoleon's civic leaders in establishing the United Way program in Napoleon. Along with Roger King, former Napoleon High's Band Director, she was instrumental in forming the Community Band of Henry County and assisting in fund raising for the band through efforts like "Drums Along the Maumee.

She participated in a number of Boards including The McClure Bank, the Board of the Henry County Hospital and a board member for the Northwest Community College.

An active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Napoleon for many years Nova will be remembered by her friends and family at the Presbyterian Church on Friday April 10th beginning with a visitation at 10:00 a.m. followed by a funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Glenwood Cemetery. Memorials are requested to a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be made at [www.rodembergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rodembergerfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Glenwood Cemetery

Napoleon, OH 43545

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
303 West Washington Street  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## Service

APR 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KM

“ So saddened by the news of Nova's passing. I remember fondly time spent in her presence. Wonderful Christian woman. I remember caroling with friends at her door and being invited in for cookies. I was honored to babysit for her grandson Trevor when he was a baby. I still make her egg brunch casserole from the church cookbook. Absence from the body.... time with the Lord. Peace to the family.

Kate M.Johnson - April 23, 2015 at 09:42 PM

JW

“ Doug, Our condolences on the passing of your Mother. A full life well lived. Sharon and Jim Whitaker

Jim Whitaker - April 17, 2015 at 10:49 AM

AH

“ Doug and Greg, you have my sympathy upon the passing of your mother. I enjoyed watching the nursery school activity from across the street, the rainbow staircase, and the never ending energy your mother possessed.  
Andrea Knetz Henne

Andrea Knetz Henne - April 15, 2015 at 10:04 PM

MD

“ mrs. Zimmerman was a dear friend to my parents and family. Always making us laugh! She always invited me in while delivering papers if it was a bit chilly. She was a great tipper! I loved when she planned her own birthday party and insisted my dad and Andy Anderson bartend. Nova wrote me letters and still called while in CA. I cherish those moments, Molly miller Dickmann

molly miller dickmann - April 14, 2015 at 08:39 PM

JK

“ Doug and Greg, I am so sorry on the loss of your mother. She was one kind, generous, thoughtful woman with a wonderful sense of humor. She was such a leader in Napoleon.

j kretz - April 07, 2015 at 07:09 PM

KL

“ I knew Nova when I worked in Napoleon at the Courthouse. She was a wonderful person and always friendly. So sorry for your loss.



Kathy Lieb - April 06, 2015 at 08:10 AM

JK

“ Always enjoyed every conversation with Nova. She was a great community asset to Northwest Ohio. So glad she was friends with my parents.  
Jamie Kuser

Jamie Kuser - April 04, 2015 at 07:18 AM

JJ

“ Doug, Your Mom and Dad were Always Very Nice to me. Your Mom was Special!

Joe Jakab - April 03, 2015 at 05:51 AM

JR

“ So many wonderful memories of Nova while growing up in Napoleon. I am sure they are having a grand heavenly reunion. I am so sorry for your loss. She was a special person. Judy Orwig Reiser

judy orwig reiser - April 02, 2015 at 12:26 PM

LJ

“ Nova was my 5th grade teacher at McClure school. She was such a fun teacher & a caring individual! She will certainly be missed by the City of Napoleon also for her many contributions!  
*Linda Johnson*

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**Linda Johnson** - April 02, 2015 at 10:29 AM

BE

“ Nova contributed so much to our city. The number of those hours would not fit in this space. She was so respected for what she did. Our sincere condolences with God's blessings.

*Bonnie and John Eddy*

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**Bonnie & John Eddy** - April 01, 2015 at 02:06 PM