



## Rita C. Behrens

November 20, 1937 - December 29, 2013

Rita C. Behrens, 76, of Napoleon, died peacefully Sunday, December 29, 2013 at Golden Living Northcrest, Napoleon. She was born November 20, 1937 in Toledo, OH, to the late Lawrence and Eleanor (Susor) Irving, Sr. She was previously married to James Voss and they had two daughters, Julie and Cathy. On February 12, 1982, she married Kenneth Behrens.

Rita was a 1955 graduate of Liberty Center High School. After high school she worked a few years at the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., Toledo, OH. Most of her working career was with the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services. She worked half of her career in the unemployment compensation department before becoming office manager for the Napoleon & Wauseon facilities. After retirement, she worked part-time as a secretary at St. Augustine Catholic Church, where she was a member and Eucharistic Minister. She would give communion to shut-ins. She dedicated her free time to making bracelets and afghans for ministry and would donate them to several area nursing homes and missions in over 23 countries.

She is survived by her husband, Kenny, Napoleon, OH; daughter, Julie (Daniel) Munger, Delta, OH; 5 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren; brothers; Lawrence (Nelda) Irving, Jr., Napoleon and Joseph (Kaye) Irving, Tiffin, OH and sister-in-law; Phyllis Irving, Grand Rapids, OH. She was preceded in death by daughter, Catherine Marie Miller and brother, Charles Irving.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 2

at St. Augustine Catholic Church, Napoleon with Fr. Dan Borgelt officiating.  
Interment will follow at the St. Augustine Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 2 - 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the Rodenberger  
Funeral Home, Napoleon; where a Rosary service will be held at 7:00 p.m.

The family suggests memorials be given to St. Augustine Catholic Church or  
to charity to donors choice.

Online condolences can be made at [www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Augustine's Cemetery

St. Rt. 108  
Napoleon, OH 43545

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 1. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Napoleon Funeral Home  
1010 Westmoreland Avenue  
Napoleon, OH 43545  
(419) 592-2333  
[help@rodenbergergray.com](mailto:help@rodenbergergray.com)

# Tribute Wall

DP

“ *Our sympathy to your family during these days. Sincerely, Walt and Darlene Polasek*

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**Darlene Polasek** - January 01, 2014 at 05:40 PM

RG

“ *To the family of a very brave lady, Mom and I send our deepest sympathies to each of you. Rita was a loved and a perfect roommate at Northcrest. Rita is finally celebrating freedom from all of her health issues and we thank God for that. Knowing Rita for many years has been a blessing. Her humor was always present, even in the hard times. Please know that we are still lifting you all up in our prayers. With much love always, Ruth Daum and Rose*

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**Rose Gerken** - January 01, 2014 at 03:57 PM

DK

“ *Rita was a source of strength to me when I went through rcia and through the losses of Aaron and Faith. A truly special person. Dan Koch*

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**Dan Koch** - January 01, 2014 at 11:14 AM

BB

“ *Rita was such a nice person, I remember how excited my mom was when she got some of the jewelry Rita had taken out for the residents of the nursing home! She will be missed by all, we are praying for Ken and the families.*

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**Brian & Ruth Bomer** - December 31, 2013 at 04:54 PM

BK

“ *Have known Rita a number of years, she was always a fun loving person, and will remember she was the person that got Larry and shy Nelda together. So sorry for your loss. God bless all.*

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**Bob & Kay** - December 30, 2013 at 08:18 PM