



Ruth C. Eickhoff

April 19, 1923 - April 20, 2023

Ruth C. Eickhoff, 100, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away peacefully on April 20, 2023 at her residence. She was born April 19, 1923 in Hamler, Ohio to the late Edwin and Frieda (Dachenhaus) Koppenhofer. She married Norbert Eickhoff and he preceded her in death in 1986. She was also preceded in death by her 3 children, Debra Rex, Joel Eickhoff and Jeff Eickhoff; and a brother, Herb (Ramona) Koppenhofer.

Ruth was a childhood member of Hope Lutheran Church, Hamler and current member of Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon.

She was a 1941 graduate of Hamler High School. In high school, she was a waitress at the Napoleon Roller Rink. During WWII, she lived and worked weekly in Ypsilanti, Michigan making parts for the war effort. She became the bank teller at First Federal Bank in Napoleon, where she worked for years and became a friendly face to many patrons.

She previously enjoyed yearly trips to Las Vegas with her brother, sister-in-law, and friends. She belonged to three card clubs; although they were more like social clubs as they could commonly be found socializing and dining at the pizza hut. She loved her flowers and tending to the garden, as well as visiting with loved ones on her sun porch. Ruth was an avid polka dancer and frequented Hamler Summerfest with her beloved Norbert.

Ruth is survived by her grandchildren, Tara (Shawn) Ford, Scott (Kelli) Rex, Molly (Joe) Knepley, Mike (Katie) Rex, Jon (Malory) Eickhoff, Jenni (Nathan) Schwiebert, and Kenzie (Derek) Vocke; 17 great grandchildren; son-in-law,

Roger Rex (Karen Leaders Steiner); and daughters-in-law, Bev Eickhoff (Gary Franz) and Mary Eickhoff (John Safian); and a great grand-dog, Luna.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 25th, 2023 at Forest Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon.

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

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

500 E. Maumee Ave
Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 25. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. Ruth was my first cousin and I always looked up to her because of her gentle ways and positive spirit. My mother, Helen, and her dad, Ed Koppenhofer, were brother and sister. I am saddened by her passing but grateful for her long life.

Betty Uhl Barry - April 25, 2023 at 11:23 AM

JC

“ In the past number of months, Kathy and I have had the privilege of spending some time and visiting with Ruth. Such a special person as she shared stories of her youth, her young married days, and most of all her love for all of you, her special family. May God's blessings be with you and comfort you. An Emanuel friend, Joan Collier

Joan Collier - April 23, 2023 at 10:12 PM

TB

“ How do I find the words to express my feelings for this wonderful gracious woman? This person, who was such an important part of my life. First showing me her kindness when I was just a customer at First Federal, then as my generously knowing mentor when I started working there with her. She was kind and always took time answer my questions, teaching not only about banking but also cooking tips, and life tips. My sincere condolences to all her family for the loss of this amazing woman of whom I was so privileged to call my friend. I will miss her.

Terri Buchenberg - April 22, 2023 at 05:08 PM

VG

“ *What a special lady! When I would see her out and about she was always ready to sit and chit chat and check on our families. What joy Ruth must have felt when she entered the gates of Heaven 😊. Your memories of her will bring a smile to your faces. God’s blessings.*

Vicki Glick - April 21, 2023 at 08:51 PM