



## Shirley A. Distel

October 20, 1929 - July 4, 2024

Shirley A. Distel, 94, of Napoleon, Ohio, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family in the early morning of July 4, 2024, at Fairlawn Haven Nursing Home in Archbold. She was born on October 20, 1929, in Pontiac, Michigan, to the late James and Lucille (Barcome) Pardee. On January 27, 1951, she married Joseph J. Distel in Waterford, Michigan, who preceded her in death on July 31, 1998.

Shirley was a homemaker and also worked in the Auditing Department at Sears. She was a devoted member of St. Augustine Catholic Church in Napoleon and actively participated in the Rosary Altar Guild. Additionally, she led the funeral meal committee for many years. Apart from her church activities, Shirley dedicated five years to serving as a Girl Scout Leader in the community. In 2008, she was honored with the title "Senior Citizen of the Year" for her outstanding volunteer work and positive influence on the community. Over the years, Shirley developed many friendships while crafting and painting projects at the Henry County Senior Center. She was always active and enjoyed line dancing with "the girls." In her spare time, Shirley was an avid quilter, creating cherished quilts for family members and contributing several to local auctions and raffles, including the annual Church holiday bazaar.

Shirley is survived by her children, Joseph (Kathi) Distel, Kathy (Kyle) Traxler, and Barbara Wilson; grandchildren, Laurie Meyer, Jeremy (Tara) Distel, Nikki (Eric) Evans, Derek (Rebecca) Distel, Lisa (Shawn) Thompson, Adam Muncy,

Jennifer (April) Jones, Chrissy (Mike) Logan, Todd Brooks, Alita (Andy) Bowers, Josh Saputo, Sarah (Ryan) Zellner, 23 great grandchildren and twin great-grandchildren due in January, 8 great-great grandchildren and 1 due in November and 1 due in January, daughter-in-law, Donna Distel, sons-in-law, Leonard Muncy and Scott Saputo. She was also preceded in death by her children, Gerald "Jerry" Distel, Susan "Susie" Muncy and Karen Saputo; grandson, Logan Brooks, and siblings, Patricia Rice and Elaine Cottrell. A mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, July 9th at St. Augustine Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Monday from 3-7 PM at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, Ohio. Memorial contributions can be directed to St. Augustine Catholic Church, Henry County Senior Center, or St. Jude. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at [www.rodenbergergray.com](http://www.rodenbergergray.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon  
1010 Westmoreland Avenue  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## Prayer Service

JUL 8. 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon  
1010 Westmoreland Avenue  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## Mass

JUL 9. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Augustine Catholic Church  
726 Monroe St.  
NAPOLEON, OH 43545

# Tribute Wall

JZ

“ I so enjoyed watching you dance with my friend Jason when Gary's band was performing. He was a young 30 year old and after I sat down from dancing with him he asked you to dance. You knew how to "cut a rug"!!!



Janet Zumfelde - July 14, 2024 at 09:07 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Shirley Distel Tribute



Rodenberger Funeral Home - July 10, 2024 at 10:23 AM

JM

Dear Shirley with your loss we all lost a very special person and even though I have been down last couple years you were never forgotten  
God bless you precious lady  
Shawn and Kelly Markins and  
Janie Markins

Janie Markins - July 13, 2024 at 06:38 PM

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“ Frank, Leslie, Spencer, and Mara Cashman purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Shirley A. Distel.



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**Frank, Leslie, Spencer, and Mara Cashman** - July 07, 2024 at 03:10 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Shirley A. Distel.



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July 07, 2024 at 09:27 AM

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“ Don Distel & Cathy Handy & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Shirley A. Distel.



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**Don Distel & Cathy Handy & family** - July 05, 2024 at 02:52 PM

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“ Don Distel & Cathy Handy & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley A. Distel.

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**Don Distel & Cathy Handy & family** - July 05, 2024 at 02:52 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley A. Distel.*



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July 05, 2024 at 01:41 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shirley A. Distel.*



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July 05, 2024 at 12:39 PM



“ *Craig Meyer and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley A. Distel.*

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**Craig Meyer and Family** - July 05, 2024 at 12:39 PM