



## Vantrease M. Ellen

April 22, 2011

Ellen M. Vantrease July 9, 1924-April 22, 2011 Ellen M. Vantrease, 86 died Friday evening, April 22, 2011 in her home surrounded by her loving family. Ellen was born July 9, 1924, in Defiance Ohio, the daughter of Joseph and Gertrude Berthold. She was a alumnus of the Defiance High School class of 1942. Her surviving family, who mourn her deeply, are husband Frank and daughter Jeri (Ron) Hoellrich. Also surviving is a sister-in-law Vera Berthold. Ellen was proceeded in death by her parents, Joe and Trudy, and brother, Joe. In her early years, Ellen worked for Schatz motors, First Federal Bank, and the Defiance County Clerk of Court's office. The majority of Ellen's life was spent supporting her family and their causes. Her generous and kind spirit could be seen through her love for cooking. She spent countless hours in the kitchen working on projects for students and educators. Many remember her "made with love" soups, pies, and turkey dinners. Her generous and kind spirit affected the lives of numerous people. Ellen's love for hard work and a true sense of friendship will be remembered always. The family suggests memorial contributions Hospice of Henry County or a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences can be made at [www.rodembergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rodembergerfuneralhome.com). Arrangements are being handled by Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jeri, Ron & Frank: Please accept our heartfelt sympathy. When we lose someone we love, it seems that time stands still. Hold tight to memories for comfort for those memories will give you strength. Peace, Prayers, Love & Blessings Jay & Terri Agler* *Terri & Jay Agler* ”

April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Frank & Jeri, So sorry to hear of Ellen's death. We know how special and dear she was to you. Keep those special memories close to your heart and she will always be with you. Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time. John Berthold & family, Edison Beckett, Ron & Melissa Gustwiller & family, Mike Beckett & family, and Schon & Michelle Derricotte & family* *Michelle Derricotte* ”

April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jeri, My sympathy on the loss of your mother. I hope all is well with you. You are in my prayers. Bruce* *B. Adams* ”

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“ *Jeri, Ron, and Frank, Please accept our sincere condolences in the loss of your mother. She will always be remembered.* *Lucy & Fred Marckel* ”

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“ *Jeri & Ron - You are in our thoughts. My heart is heavy for you. You have not only lost your mom, but your best friend! Know that you are in our thoughts. Hang in there. Love you, Randy & Patty*###imported-begin###Patty Hill###imported-end##

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April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ron and Jeri You are both in my thoughts and prayers. I you are able to find comfort in the wonderful memories you have shared. We love you! Jen, Grace, and Emma*###imported-begin###Jennifer Snyder###imported-end##

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April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Hello Jeri and Ron. I am so sorry. Jeri, you and your Mom had such a special relationship. I know that you became the woman you are largely because of that ongoing relationship. It is such a tragedy to lose someone so important and I wish you, your Dad and Ron did not have to feel those feelings. My love to you and I hope that the love and support you all have shown to so many people will surround you with feelings of real comfort. You all know the true sense of community, friendship and courage to face what comes our way, often with humor, but always with steadfastness and honesty. While I don't know your Dad except through your words, I know that he too is integral to your lives and will continue to give you purpose and vice versa. Again, I am sorry. as ever, Joyce*###imported-begin###Joyce Sutton###imported-end##

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