



## Wilma E. Gerken

October 11, 1926 - September 18, 2014

Wilma E. Gerken, 87, of Deshler, Ohio died Thursday afternoon, September 18, 2014 at Wood County Hospital, Bowling Green, Ohio.

She was born October 11, 1926 in Henry County, Ohio to the late Fred and Bertha (Nagel) Hastedt. On October 10, 1975 she married Victor C. Gerken and they have shared over 38 years together.

Wilma was a homemaker and worked at the former Holiday Inn, Napoleon, Ohio for over 14 years as a waitress. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Deshler and formerly active with the Altar Guild and Ladies Aide.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Victor; children, Jerry (Lisa) Buchenberg, Deshler; Kenneth (Teresa) Buchenberg, Napoleon; Vickie (Frank) Dengg, Columbus, Ohio; Jeff (Stephanie) Gerken, Perrysburg, Ohio; Barbara Gerken, Hamler, Ohio; 15 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Eldon Hastedt and son, Robert Gerken.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Deshler with Rev. David Coffin officiating. Interment will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Deshler.

Visitation will be 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. on Monday at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Deshler and from 10-11 a.m., Tuesday at the church.

The family suggests memorials to Immanuel Lutheran Church or Henry County South Joint Ambulance District.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **22**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

SEP **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

SEP **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JG

“ Vic and family  
Jerry and Kenny and family  
Our sincerest sympathies to you all. You know how much we loved your wife and mom. Always a joker the minute you would see her. No more pain, no more bed. She is at peace now, till we see her again. I'm having a glass of wine right now in memory. She will be greatly missed. Love you all, Judy (Hastedt) and George Poulson

Judy Gray - September 22, 2014 at 03:27 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Wilma E. Gerken.



September 22, 2014 at 07:23 AM

LJ

“ I worked with Wilma for many years at the Holiday Inn. She always had a kind word and a smile for everyone. She will be greatly missed by all that knew her, my sympathies are with her family. Rest in peace my friend.

Linda Johnson - September 21, 2014 at 09:05 PM

FD

“ Will always remember getting my but kicked at cards and hearing "Goota -Goot". After 35 years I still don't know what that means! Will miss you. Frank

Frank Dengg - September 21, 2014 at 05:59 PM

TI

“ Sharon and I send our sympathies and best wishes to all the family, but especially long time friends Jeff and Stephanie Gerken, in Perrysburg.

*Tim Garner*

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**Tim** - September 21, 2014 at 04:30 PM