



## Zelma Johnson

February 15, 1921 - April 3, 2017

Zelma Johnson, 96, of rural McClure, died Monday, April 3, 2017 at Grand Rapids Care Center, Grand Rapids, Ohio. She was born February 15, 1921 in Damascus Township, Ohio to the late Ray and Geneva (Whitehead) Jennings. On September 1, 1940 she married Floyd "Eldon" Johnson, who preceded her in death on October 3, 2007.

Zelma was a homemaker and also worked at Tem-Cole Radish Processing Plant in McClure and retired in 1979. She was a faithful member of McClure United Methodist church, where she held several positions over the years. She was also active in the Bethel Grange and enjoyed knitting and crocheting. She is survived by children, Victor (Dolores) Johnson of Napoleon, Ray Johnson of Portland, Oregon, Dennis (Cindy) Johnson of Napoleon, daughter-in-law, Mary Ann Johnson of McClure, 9 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren, and a sister, Doris Jean Fuhrhop of Des Moines, Iowa. She was also preceded in death by a son, Roger Johnson and siblings, Irene Smith, Esther Wittenberg, and Marvin Jennings. Funeral services will be held at 12:00 PM on Friday, April 7 at McClure United Methodist Church with visitation from 10AM till noon. Interment will follow at Hockman Cemetery in McClure.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to McClure United Methodist Church.

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



# Cemetery Details

## Hockman Cemetery

100 Township HWY O4  
Corner of County Road O4 and Township  
Road 3A  
McClure, OH 43534

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

McClure United Methodist Church  
430 South East Street  
McClure, OH 43534

## Service

APR 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Zelma Johnson.



April 06, 2017 at 10:04 AM



“ I remember being with Zelma and her family many Sunday mornings at the McClure EUB Church before moving from the area. I went to school with the sons, and Delores. My sympathy to the family and may God give you comfort at this sad time. Joyce Brenneman Winkle, Englewood, FL

Joyce Brenneman Winkle - April 05, 2017 at 10:19 PM



“ Joyce Brenneman Winkle lit a candle in memory of Zelma Johnson



Joyce Brenneman Winkle - April 05, 2017 at 10:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Zelma Johnson.



April 05, 2017 at 04:18 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Zelma Johnson.*



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April 05, 2017 at 01:38 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Zelma's passing. Praying for your family. God's blessings. Patrick and Gindy Johnson*

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**Patrick Johnson** - April 05, 2017 at 07:15 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Zelma Johnson.*



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April 04, 2017 at 08:29 PM

“ My memories of Zelma and FE go back to when FE and his boys would come to Liechty's to get parts for some of their John Deere farm equipment that goes back to 1974. Then Zelma and FE came to hear me play the organ at the Archbold United Methodist Church from time to time when they had relatives who sang in the choir there.

Then there was 1987 when I was transferred by my Seattle employer to Portland where I rented Ray's downstairs bedroom and bathroom for several months. This time overlapped with Zelma and Ray staying with Ray who got stuck into some neat projects on his house, including adding a big deck and installing glass blocks in the upstairs bathroom. FE was incredibly handy and could fix nearly anything, including his John Deere farm equipment. If FE could have made his own JD parts he would have. He was that talented.

Then there was the time that my parents and I were invited to Zelma's and FE's home for homemade ice cream and what a wonderful feed we had.

I was in the area with my niece Ashley so we popped in to have a catch up with Zelma, FE and Dennis. Zelma served us some of her yummy homemade apple pie.

Mom, Dad and I stopped in at the farmhouse after an after church brunch in Grand Rapids and Zelma had just driven home from her church. We had a good chat and I tried to play with the barn cats but they were too wild to catch.

I joined Ray and Zelma for lunch in Napoleon maybe four years ago which is the last time I saw Zelma.

Zelma and FE were real, salt-of-the-earth people whom humanity could more of in this world.

Thank you, Zelma and FE, for your kindness, generosity, sense of

*humour, for your inclusiveness which all reflected your Christian beliefs to love one another as we would want to be loved, too.*

*Blessing to you, Zelma, and may you have a wonderful homecoming in Spirit with FE and others whom will surely have welcomed you over the threshold from Earth to Spirit with open arms and lots of love.*

*Kind regards*

*Larry Beck*

*Formerly of Archbold, Ohio now living in Christchurch, New Zealand*

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**Larry Beck** - April 04, 2017 at 05:11 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Zelma Johnson.*



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April 04, 2017 at 11:49 AM



“ *To the family of Zelma we send our deepest sympathy. Jon and Kim Lange*

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**Kim Lange** - April 03, 2017 at 11:11 PM

**JG**

*So sorry not to be home for your family. A great lady and great family! My sincere sympathy but assured she and Eldon celebrating together once again!! Love and prayers your way.*

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**Jerrie Gray** - April 06, 2017 at 01:26 PM