



Joyce E. Schlenker

November 21, 1959 - May 14, 2017

Joyce E. Schlenker, 57, of Wapakoneta, died 12:05 p.m., Sun. May 14, 2017, in rural Van Wert Co. at the scene of a two car accident. She was born Nov. 21, 1959, in St. Marys, OH, the daughter of Cletus & Marian (Lynch) Kentner, who preceded her in death. On March 20, 1982, she married Michael C. Schlenker, and he survives.

Other survivors include,

a daughter, Courtney Danielle Schlenker, Orlando, FL,

3 step-children, Heather Lee Nolte, Wapakoneta

Matthew Christian (Missy) Schlenker, Olympia, WA,

Leanne Elizabeth (Chris) Moniger, Wooster, OH,

7 grandchildren, Allison and Emma Nolte,

Fritz and Molly Schlenker,

Colin, Haakon, and Maren Moninger,

siblings, Joann (Larry) Jauert, San Diego, CA,

Ruth Doering, Wapakoneta,

Barbara (Max) Place, Wapakoneta,

Vonnie Ruese, Fairfax, VA,

Dean (Donna) Kentner, Wapakoneta,

a brother-in-law, James Sawmiller, Wapakoneta,

numerous nieces & nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Jane Sawmiller, an infant brother, and 2 brothers-in-law, Ned Doering & Michael Ruese.

As we look to Our Heavenly Father and his gracious arms, he has welcomed his daughter Joyce home on May 14, 2017. Though her life was tragically cut short, her passion and love still lives in her family, friends, and those she touched through her work at Crown Equipment.

Her talents included painting, stained glass artwork, jewelry making and more. Her passion and love for her family was unprecedented and she lived each day with the philosophy of "If you don't try, you've already failed! Everything happens for a reason and God always has a plan."

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Tues. May 23, 2017, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Moulton, OH, with Pastor Roger Phillips officiating. Burial will be in the Resthaven Memory Gardens, near Moulton. The family will receive friends 2-8 p.m., Mon. May 22, at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, 1102 Lincoln Ave. (St. Rt. 501) Wapakoneta, and 1 hr. prior to the service the service at the church on Tues. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Joyce Schlenker Memorial Trust.

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Memory Gardens

C.R. 33A
St. Marys, OH 45885

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
1102 Lincoln Hwy
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
(419) 738-7676
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com/>

Visitation

MAY 23. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
14127 Moulton New Knoxville Rd.
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Service

MAY **23**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KS

“ Dear Courtney,
Our hearts are heavy and our thoughts and prayers are with you during this unbearably difficult time. We feel fortunate that we met and spent time with you and your parents in Florida. What fun we had on the party boat! I remember being impressed by your mom's fierce love for her daughter, and how proud she was of you! We hope that all the good times you've shared as a family and the wonderful memories will lift you in times of sadness, and God's mercy and kindness bring you strength and peace.
With Love,
Karen Sharkey

Karen Sharkey - May 23, 2017 at 07:48 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce E. Schlenker.



May 22, 2017 at 09:25 AM

AH

“ Thinking and praying for all the families during this difficult time. We love you Chris, Leanne, Colin, Haakon, & Maren. From Wooster Grace Small Group.

Acacia holcombe - May 21, 2017 at 07:54 PM

TF

“ *The Nowicki and Kennemore Families purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Joyce E. Schlenker.*



The Nowicki and Kennemore Families - May 21, 2017 at 12:13 PM

KL

“ *Karin L. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joyce E. Schlenker.*



Karin L. - May 20, 2017 at 04:48 PM

JE

“ *Deepest Sympathy to Mike & the entire family! Joyce brought a smile & happiness to those who were fortunate to know her! My favorite memory of her at Crown was her October visits wearing her M&M outfit - sharing candy! She will be dearly missed - she touched so many lives in such a wonderful way! May God embrace her family with his comfort and love during this most difficult time! Praying for Mike to heal from his injuries! Thoughts & Prayers are with you! Janet Eilerman*

Janet Eilerman - May 19, 2017 at 08:35 PM

JJ

“ John Jonhson purchased the *Written in the Stars* for the family of Joyce E. Schlenker.



John Jonhson - May 19, 2017 at 02:34 PM

MD

“ Mike Cappiello and Taylor Duch purchased the *Ocean Breeze Spray* for the family of Joyce E. Schlenker.



Mike Cappiello and Taylor Duch - May 19, 2017 at 02:09 PM

CE

“ On behalf of the Rhodes State College community, please accept our condolences. We celebrate the life of each graduate of Lima Technical College and Rhodes State College. May you find peace in your memories during this very difficult time.
Carole Enneking, Alumni Relations Coordinator

Carole Enneking - May 19, 2017 at 11:25 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Joyce E. Schlenker.



May 19, 2017 at 11:01 AM

DN

“ *Our deepest condolences and warmest regards to Joyce's family.
Dan and Virginia Newland*

Dan Newland - May 19, 2017 at 09:09 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Joyce E. Schlenker.*



May 18, 2017 at 07:41 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Joyce E. Schlenker.*



May 18, 2017 at 05:00 PM

JL

“ *Courtney, Barb, Max, Jennifer and to the rest of the family,
Please know that the Ledbetter's are praying for you at this difficult
time. And send our deepest sympathies.
With all our Love,
Ryan, Janae and the Kids*

Janae Ledbetter - May 18, 2017 at 01:34 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Joyce E. Schlenker.* ”



May 18, 2017 at 11:41 AM