



Juanita J. Leffel

September 3, 1932 - August 23, 2020

Juanita J. Leffel, 87, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 23, 2020, at 10:43 a.m., surrounded by her family. She was born September 3, 1932, in Auglaize County near Buckland, the daughter of, Dana and Mary (Bowersock) Richardson, both of whom preceded her in death. On December 26, 1954, she married Morris E. Leffel, who died on February 17, 2020.

Surviving are:

2 children, Lynn (Ted) Rupert, Wapakoneta,

Neil (Cheryl Semer) Leffel, Lima,

a son-in-law, Kel Welch, Wapakoneta,

7 grandchildren, Tonia (Rich) Metz,

Nicole (Brock) Douglas

Stephanie Hardison,

Kylie (Eli) Acheson,

Taylor (Josh Nagy) Rupert,

K.C. (Jeana) Welch,

Kendall Welch,

10 great grandchildren, Danielle, Olivia, Jordan, Asiah, Christopher, Amyah, Demarkus, Addilyn, Parker, & Nova,

siblings, Don (Wanda) Richardson,

John (Carolyn) Richardson,

Carol Andrews,
brother-in-law, Richard Sulc,

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Marianne Welch; a sister, Cella Sulc; an infant brother; and a brother-in-law, Charles Andrews.

Juanita graduated from Wapakoneta High School (Blume 1950) and Bowling Green State University. She taught 3 years at East Elementary School in St. Marys, substituted for the years her children were young, and then taught junior high math at the Blume School in Wapakoneta for many years. She finished her teaching career teaching 7th grade at Northridge School. After retiring, she began calling herself “The Spoon Lady” and told stories for schools, day cares, organizations, etc. for 10 years. She was active in the Buckland United Church of Christ, where she taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School for approximately fifty years. Throughout the years she served in these capacities as well: moderator, elder, and President of Women’s Fellowship. Juanita was active in Home Extension and teacher organizations. Gardening, flowers, and reading were her passions. Juanita adored her family, especially the little ones as she watched them grow.

Funeral services will be 3:00 p.m., Sunday, August 30, 2020, at the New Knoxville United Methodist Church, 109 South Main Street, New Knoxville, OH, with Rev. Dennis Gaertner officiating. Burial will be at a later date in the Buckland Cemetery. The family will be receiving friends from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m., Sunday, outside of the church. The family has requested that those who might be concerned about contracting the Covid virus stay in their cars and the family will greet them outside. Following the outside visitation, there will be a visitation from 1:30 -2:30 p.m., in the church sanctuary. Memorials may be directed to the Buckland United Church of Christ or New Knoxville United Methodist Church. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com. In accordance with Ohio’s current health guidelines, masks

and social distancing are required.

Cemetery Details

Buckland Cemetery

Buckland, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

New Knoxville United Methodist Church
109 South Main Street
New Knoxville, OH 45871

Visitation

AUG 30. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

New Knoxville United Methodist Church
109 South Main Street
New Knoxville, OH 45871

Service

AUG 30. 3:00 PM (ET)

New Knoxville United Methodist Church
109 South Main Street
New Knoxville, OH 45871

Tribute Wall

LC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Juanita was a very special person. She shared her talents freely and gave so much to so many. It was a pleasure to know her.

Lois Clark - August 30, 2020 at 06:26 PM

ES

“ Lynn, I'm so sorry to hear of your mothers passing. She was a great lady as I certainly enjoyed having her as a teacher. I hope I didn't give her too much grief. My dad went to school with your mom and he would share stories about their mutual interest in mathematics.

You and your family have me deepest sympathies.

-Eric A. Schumann

Eric A Schumann - August 30, 2020 at 11:22 AM

JL

“ Lynn, So sorry for your loss! Take care! Janice Longsworth

Janice Longsworth - August 27, 2020 at 03:20 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Juanita J. Leffel.



August 27, 2020 at 02:04 PM

HL

“ Although Juanita and I were friends for only 13 years, it felt like we had been friends forever. When I first moved to Ohio, Juanita befriended me and she and Morris became my Ohio family. Even after we moved to Cincinnati, we remained in close touch. I will truly miss the walks, the weekly letters/phone calls, the overnight visits, the drives around the countryside, and most of all--just sitting in the living room and chatting. Those are treasured memories.



Heather Lewis

Heather Lewis - August 27, 2020 at 08:42 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Juanita J. Leffel.



August 27, 2020 at 08:38 AM

KP

“ Please accept our deepest condolences for your family's loss.
The Gene Pohlable Family

Ken Pohlable - August 26, 2020 at 08:20 PM

AD

“ *Amelia Arthur and Marilynn Diller purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Juanita J. Leffel.*



Amelia Arthur and Marilynn Diller - August 25, 2020 at 07:44 PM

TB

“ *Fond memories of Juanita in vacation bible school, so friendly and kind. Will be sadly missed*
Teresa Haas Bambauer

Teresa A Bambauer - August 25, 2020 at 06:26 PM

ES

“ *Lynn and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. My thoughts are with you.*
Elizabeth Siferd

Elizabeth Siferd - August 25, 2020 at 03:34 PM

BS

“ *Becky Spees lit a candle in memory of Juanita J. Leffel*



Becky Spees - August 24, 2020 at 07:52 PM

BS

such a wonderful person

Becky Spees - August 24, 2020 at 07:54 PM

MB

I taught with Juanita at the old East School in St Mary's. She helped me so much in my first year. A pleasant kind lady in all ways. Eternal rest to her and condolences to her family.

martha boehmer - August 25, 2020 at 10:35 AM

DO

“ Sweet lady, my inspiration to be a teacher. Loved her daughters family as well—became good neighbors and friends growing up. Praying and thinking of them.

Deb Oen - August 24, 2020 at 12:27 PM