



Marlene Ruth Schulze

July 15, 1959 - June 10, 2022

On June 10, 2022, Marlene Ruth Schulze, 62, of rural Wapakoneta, passed away with her family by her side, at OSU Medical Center, Columbus. Marlene was born on July 15, 1959 in Coldwater Ohio to Alfred and Hilda (Lochtefeld) Heitkamp (deceased) of St. Rose. Marlene graduated from Marion Local Schools in 1977.

On November 15, 1980, Marlene married David Schulze who survives. Marlene is also survived by 5 children: Jaclyn (Kyle) Schmiesing of New Bremen, OH, Keith (Kristi Schmidt) Schulze of Marysville, OH, Jason (Lindsey Langhals) Schulze of Upper Arlington, OH, Mitchell (Jennifer Tewart) Schulze of Dublin, OH, and Renae Schulze of Wapakoneta, OH. Marlene had 11 grandchildren: Myles, Jude, and Rory Schmiesing, Elijah, Austin, and Dylan Schulze, Bennett and Charlotte Schulze, and Noah, Jasper, and Dean Schulze. Marlene is also survived by two brothers: Elton Heitkamp and Marvin Heitkamp, both of St. Rose, OH. Additionally, she is survived by brother and sister-in-laws: Debbie and Joe Timmerman, Gary and Sue Schulze, Kathy and Charlie Otte, and Jane and Ted Bornhorst. Marlene is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, and a Godchild, Zachary Gariety.

Marlene was preceded in death by her brother Leroy Heitkamp, sister-in-law, Patricia Heitkamp, father-in law Albert Schulze, mother-in-law Mary Lou Schulze, and a niece Katie Bornhorst.

Marlene was a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. After high school, she worked at Midmark Corporation, Versailles, OH for 9 years. She then worked side by side with her husband and children on the family dairy farm for 19 years before working for the United States Postal Service as a mail carrier. She later worked at Wapakoneta City Schools for 4 years. Marlene enjoyed spending time with family and friends, attending card club, camping, boating, and shopping. She especially loved watching her grandchildren perform in school activities and play baseball and soccer. Being with her children and grandchildren, and watching them do what they loved, always brought a smile to her face.

Marlene was a woman of faith and was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, OH. She attended the Adoration Chapel regularly for about ten years. Marlene was a strong and determined person. She fought a hard battle with cancer for the past ten years. She never let pain or setbacks keep her from spending time doing the things that she loved and spending time with those that she loved. Marlene always kept a positive attitude and was thankful for all her time. Her battle and constant faith in God's plan was an inspiration to all of her family and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Wed. June 15, 2022, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, OH, with Fr. Sean Wilson officiating. Burial will follow in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Botkins, OH. Friends may call 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Tues. June 14, and 9:00-9:45 a.m., Wed. at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, 1102 Lincoln Hwy, (St. Rt. 501) Wapakoneta, OH. Memorial contributions may be directed ALK Positive, in Marlene's name. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Cemetery Details

Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery

County Road 25A
Botkins, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **14**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
1102 Lincoln Ave.
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
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<http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com>

Visitation

JUN **15**. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (ET)

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Service

JUN **15**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Pearl St.
Wapakoneta, OH

Tribute Wall



“ *Our sympathies to the family. May your happy memories help you through this difficult time. Jane and Bruce Weide*

Jane Weide - June 15, 2022 at 08:43 PM



“ *On behalf of Rooster's/Midwest Cards Softball, sincere condolences to Marlene's families. Our win tonite was for her!*

Frank Underwood - June 14, 2022 at 09:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marlene Ruth Schulze.*



June 14, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marlene Ruth Schulze.*



June 14, 2022 at 01:46 PM

PL

“ So sorry for your loss. I will keep your family in my prayers. Paul Lochtefeld



Paul Lochtefeld - June 14, 2022 at 08:49 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marlene Ruth Schulze.



June 14, 2022 at 07:09 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marlene Ruth Schulze.



June 13, 2022 at 07:42 PM

MS

“ I did not know Marlene, but I knew her daughter Renae. Let me just say that Marlene must have been a wonderful mother to have raised such a lovely young lady as Renae!

Mark Short - June 13, 2022 at 03:44 PM

BG

Dave and family so sorry for your loss 🙏🙏

Bill and Dianne Glaser - June 13, 2022 at 06:54 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marlene Ruth Schulze.*



June 13, 2022 at 09:59 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Marlene Ruth Schulze.*



June 13, 2022 at 08:51 AM



“ *With Love; Nate, Veronica Lukey & Boys purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Marlene Ruth Schulze.*



With Love; Nate, Veronica Lukey & Boys - June 13, 2022 at 08:01 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marlene Ruth Schulze.*



June 12, 2022 at 09:28 PM

MA

“ *Dave and family,
I am so very sorry to learn of Marlene’s
passing. Every memory I have of her involves
a smile or laugh. She was beautiful and kind
and loved her family so much. Sending
prayers for her and to you and your beautiful family. May God wrap
you all in his loving arms. My Deepest Sympathy, Mary Borchers
Beyerle*



Mary - June 12, 2022 at 04:32 PM

DS

Thank you Mary

David Schulze - June 15, 2022 at 08:31 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased
for the family of Marlene Ruth Schulze.*



June 12, 2022 at 02:16 PM

PT

“ *Mitch and Jennifer we are sorry for your loss
you and your family are in our thoughts and
prayers at this sad time of manner love
patricia and darin tucker*



patricia tucker - June 12, 2022 at 11:44 AM

PT

“ Patricia Tucker lit a candle in memory of
Marlene Ruth Schulze



patricia tucker - June 12, 2022 at 11:42 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Marlene Ruth Schulze.



June 12, 2022 at 11:31 AM

SD

“ We are so very sorry for your loss and our thoughts and prayers are
with you during this difficult time.
Sara and Andy Dale

Sara and Andy Dale - June 12, 2022 at 08:26 AM



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family of Marlene Ruth Schulze.



June 12, 2022 at 08:16 AM

JH

“ I've known Marlene for years, but more recently had direct contact and conversations with her, and was amazed how even with all her health issues, she was constantly thinking of others and praying for them. I was so saddened to learn of her passing, as I know she loved her family very, very much. You all have my deepest sympathy and prayers for peace in this extremely difficult time. I am confident she is watching over us all now and finally pain free in heaven. Sending love and hugs to you all!

Janelle Homan - June 11, 2022 at 07:54 PM