



Melba M. Lunz

December 16, 1932 - November 6, 2019

Melba M. (Rausch) Lunz, 86, of Wapakoneta died 9:00 p.m., Wed. Nov. 6, 2019, at Wapakoneta Manor with her husband at her side. She was born Dec. 16, 1932, in South Dakota, the daughter of Rev. Leonard & Bertha (Blumenschein) Rausch, who preceded her in death. Her family moved to the Wapakoneta area in 1939. On June 18, 1950, in St. John's Lutheran Church, Pusheta Rd., she married Herbert P. Lunz, and he survives.

Other survivors include,

children, Mark (Linda) Lunz, St. Marys;

Beth (Don) King, & Dawn (Dan) Meyer, both of Botkins;

and Glen (Kathy) Lunz, Honea Path, South Carolina;

grandchildren, Kelly (David) Simms, Craig (Lindsey) Lunz,

Stacy (Tim) Smith, Angela (Darin) Bronestine,

Adam (Kylie Hamp) King, Eric (Jenny) Meyer,

Jodi (Tom) Poepelman, Jill (Adam) Smith, Heath (Kathleen) Rider,

and Andy (Amy) Lunz,

25 great grandchildren,

siblings, Mary Koch, Lois (Vern) Bischoff, Leon (Nita) Rausch,

Carl (Peg) Rausch, Lillian (Doug) Grodi,

a sister-in-law, Milly Lunz,

and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Erika Lunz, a sister, Phyllis (Reuben) Lunz, a brother-in-law, Lester Koch, a brother Paul (Dorothy)

Rausch, a sister-in-law and brothers-in-law, Helen (Aldo) Elsass, Leonard Lunz, and Melvin Lunz.

A homemaker, Melba made cakes for weddings and other occasions for over 60 years. She was a member of the Redeemer Lutheran church, Sidney. She also played the organ at church for many years. Melba enjoyed writing poems and songs with music.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Sat. Nov. 9, 2019, at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 300 West Mason Rd., Sidney, with Pastor David Weirauch officiating. Burial will follow in the St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Pusheta Rd. The family will receive family & friends 4-8 p.m., Fri. at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, 1102 Lincoln Ave. (St. Rt. 501), Wapakoneta, and 1 hr. prior to the service, Sat. at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Redeemer Lutheran Church, or the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Ohio District. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Cemetery Details

St. John's Lutheran Cemetery

Pusheta Rd.
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 4:00 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

NOV 9. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Redeemer Lutheran Church
300 West Mason Rd.
Sidney, OH 45365

Service

NOV 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Whenever I think of my Aunt Melba, I remember the week I spent living with her and her family back in 1960. My folks had planned a once-in-a-lifetime trip around the US, over a month on the road. They made arrangements for all four of us kids to stay with friends and family while they were gone. Today I am amazed that they managed all those logistics (we were living on a farm too), but as a kid back then, I just enjoyed the time with my cousins! I have lots of other memories, including the fact that Melba baked our wedding cake. She will be missed, but we are rejoicing with Herb and the rest of the family that she is now in the presence of her Lord, waiting anxiously to see us all again one day. It's both a sad and a joyous day; thinking about my cousins today. God bless you all.

Byron Lunz - November 09, 2019 at 10:21 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Melba M. Lunz.



November 08, 2019 at 08:12 PM

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“ I will really miss Melba. Despite her walking problems for as long as I have known her, she usually had a smile on her face, and never complained. Her faith was rock solid, and she may be skipping around heaven now. Herb was such a tremendous husband and helper. Their loving marriage was a wonderful example for everyone. I know he and all the family will miss her terribly. Prayers, Linda Stuart

Linda Stuart - November 08, 2019 at 09:32 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Melba M. Lunz.*



November 08, 2019 at 09:30 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Melba M. Lunz.*



November 08, 2019 at 07:44 AM



“ *She was the organ player at the church I grew up in. RIP Melba 😭*



Kathy L. Hughes - November 08, 2019 at 06:11 AM



“ *I am so very sorry to see this death of Melba. She was such a dear lady and so gifted. I have many of her poems and some songs. I pray God to be with all of you. May God sustain Herb through this loss.*

Mary Margaret (Lusk) Barlage - November 07, 2019 at 09:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melba M. Lunz.*



November 07, 2019 at 06:21 PM



“ *I met Melba and Herb 9 years ago when we moved to Ohio and started attending Redeemer. She was such a sweet lady. She loved hugs from my son Ethan. She always handed out ornaments for Christmas to the kids. Condolences to Herb and the entire family. She will be dearly missed. Love the Parkers: Dawn, Daniel, Elijah, Ethan and Abigail.*

Dawn Parker - November 07, 2019 at 05:23 PM



“ *Prayers and hugs to Aunt Melba's family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you travel this difficult and sad time. Aunt Melba was a favorite -- because she was my sponsor and because we shared the same wedding date! So many memories surrounding her and all of you from time spent at the house to reading and treasuring her poems and songs. May God's loving arms embrace you and give you comfort.*
Diane & Tom Herman

Diane K Herman - November 07, 2019 at 04:54 PM