



Ruth C. Brown

July 28, 1933 - May 10, 2022

Ruth C. Brown, 88, of Botkins, died 11:05 p.m., Tues. May 10, 2022, at the Elmwood Assisted Living of New Bremen. She was born July 28, 1933, in Ottoville, OH, the daughter of Herman & Anna (Schnipke) Mittelkamp, who preceded her in death. On June 2, 1956, she married Donald C. Brown who preceded her in death on Feb. 9, 1980.

Survivors include,

6 children, Debra (Joseph) Zimpfer, Botkins, OH,

Barbara (Kirk) Berus Lamagna, Pittsburg, PA,

Catherine (Lawrence) Schwartz, Puyallup, WA,

Chris (Cindy) Brown, Wapakoneta, OH,

Nancy (Ronald) Stutsman, Botkins, OH,

Craig (Sara) Brown, Botkins, OH,

19 grandchildren, Shaun (Ashlee) Zimpfer,

Dustin (Kayla) Zimpfer,

Brett (Katy) Zimpfer,

Ethan (Cassandra) Zimpfer,

Ryan (Rebecca) Berus,

Matthew (Kelly) Berus,

Nicholas Berus,

Zachary Schwartz,

Elliot Schwartz,

Tyler (Austine) Brown,

Heather (Conner) Crandall,
Joshua Brown,
Nathaniel Stutsman,
Spencer Stutsman,
Connor Stutsman,
Donovan Brown,
Carson Brown,
Ella Brown,
Aspen Brown,
9 great grandchildren,
a sister, Julie Koch, Columbus Grove, OH,

In addition to her husband, Ruth was preceded in death by her long-time companion and fiancé, James Hoying; 2 sisters, Lucinda O'Brien and Clara Brinkman; and 2 brothers, Henry Mittelkamp and Joseph Mittelkamp, as well as a son-in-law, Jeffrey Berus.

Ruth retired as the co-owner and secretary/treasurer of Brown Industrial in 2000. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Botkins. Ruth graduated from Ottoville High School in 1951, where she was class valedictorian and sang the lead in the school musical. Ruth served on the Botkins Village Council for 18 years, spent many years as a 4-H Club advisor, was a member of the Botkins Community Club, Botkins Friends of the Library, and Botkins Women's Club. She enjoyed her card clubs, attending the Lima Symphony Orchestra, reading, crossword puzzles, sewing, and crocheting. She was also an avid sports fan. Despite a birthdate that disputed it, Ruth claimed for decades that she was 29, so it should be noted that she died at the ripe old age of 29.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Mon. May 16, 2022, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Botkins, Fr. Sean Wilson officiating.

Burial will follow in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Botkins. The family will receive friends from 3-7 p.m. Sunday at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta. Memorials may be directed to the Botkins Memorial Pool or Friends of the Botkins Library. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Cemetery Details

Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery

County Road 25A
Botkins, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

MAY 16. 10:30 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
103 Walnut Street
Botkins, OH

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ruth C. Brown.



May 14, 2022 at 11:24 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Ruth C. Brown.



May 14, 2022 at 07:24 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Ruth C. Brown.



May 13, 2022 at 12:38 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Ruth C. Brown.



May 13, 2022 at 11:56 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth C. Brown.*



May 13, 2022 at 10:33 AM



“ *Trent and Patty Gause purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ruth C. Brown.*



Trent and Patty Gause - May 13, 2022 at 07:44 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth C. Brown.*



May 12, 2022 at 04:03 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Ruth's passing. She will be greatly missed. Our prayers and love are with all of her family and friends. Lots of Love from the Elmores.*

The Elmores - May 11, 2022 at 09:44 PM