



Ethel Ruth Lees

June 17, 1932 - May 13, 2017

Ethel Ruth Warner Lees, 84, of Hebron, Ohio, passed into eternity on Saturday, May 13, 2017. She was born June 17, 1932, to the late Thurman Gilmore (T.G.) and Josephine Olney Woodward Warner, in Woodstock, Ohio. Ruth was the sixth of 14 children. She was 1950 graduate of Homer High School and a life-long housewife. On July 2, 1950, she married the late Bennett O. Lees to whom she was married for over 66 years. To their union was born six children: Kenneth (Diane); the late Joe (Lori); Charles (Millie); the late Ben Dean; Linda (Mark) Billenstein; and Ray (Matt). She had twenty grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Her six surviving siblings and their spouses include: Nancy (Richard) Montgomery, John (Tessa) Warner, Richard (Karen) Warner, Donald Warner, Thomas (Tina) Warner, and Gene Warner. Other surviving family members include Kathy Lees Blaine, Lee Ann Warner, John (Irene) Droke, and Rozella (Kenneth) Lees. Additionally, she had many nephews and nieces. Special recognition to niece Sondra Wellman who visited faithfully. In addition to her husband, parents, and two sons, she was preceded in death by three sisters: Joy May Campbell, Lenabelle Wellman, and Jane Droke; four brothers: Joseph (Pat) Warner, Jim Warner, Hildred Eugene Warner, and William (Bill) Warner. She was an active member of the Heath Church of Christ, where she leads the benevolence committee and served as VBS secretary for many years. Together, Ben and Ruth managed the BenRuth Holstein Farm in Hebron until November 1984. Visitation will be held at the Worthington United Methodist Church, 600 High

St. Worthington, OH on Saturday, May 20, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The funeral service will immediately follow with Ray Linn and David Mason, ministers, officiating. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. the same day in Wilson Cemetery, Newark, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Heath Church of Christ or the Ohio Living Hospice at ohioliving.org/foundation/donate. The family would like to thank the caring staffs of Ohio Living Hospice and Laurels of Norworth. Condolence can be left to the family at www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Wilson Cemetery

4254 Marion Rd NE
Newark, OH 43055

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAY 20. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Worthington United Methodist Church
600 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085

Funeral Service

MAY 20. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

MAY 20. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *I remember every time I visited my Grandma in her nursing home she would give us dum dum suckers, and we went ever day after preschool.Happy 93rd birthday Grandma we truly miss you.*

josiah lees - June 17, 2025 at 09:26 AM



“ *Ethel Ruth Lees*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ethel Ruth Lees.*



May 18, 2017 at 12:48 PM



“ *Linda,so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. My prayers and sympathy to you and your family.*

Lynne Ledley - May 16, 2017 at 10:45 AM