



LaVonne Bankoske

January 4, 1941 - July 22, 2025

LaVonne Bankoske, 84, of Powell, Ohio passed away July 22, 2025 in Columbus, Ohio. She was born to Marie and Ralph Bowers in Somerset, PA. She married James K. Bankoske in Erie, PA July 2, 1960. She spent 65 years with her beloved husband. She dedicated her life supporting and serving her family. She was an efficient and attentive church secretary at William Street United Methodist Church in Delaware, OH; Flower Mound United Methodist Church in Flower Mound, TX; and St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Marion, OH. She was a devoted member of All Shepherd's Lutheran Church including being active in Stephen Ministries, Kitchen Committee, and Social Ministry. She was also a member of Cosmopolitan Club in Delaware, school volunteer for her children and grandchildren, Meals on Wheels volunteer and a routine blood donor with the Red Cross. She is survived by her husband James K. Bankoske; daughter Elizabeth (Kurt) Messer; son James D. Bankoske; sisters-in-law Janet Bowers and Donna Bankoske and families; brothers-in-law Jerry (Norma) Bankoske and William (Catherine) Bankoske and families; grandchildren Holli (Jason) Walker, Mitchell Messer, Thomas and John Bankoske; great grandchildren Abbigail, Reese and Emmett Walker; niece Wanda (Terry) Kuehn and family; nephew Brian Sembower (Heidi) and family. She is preceded in death by her mother Marie Koontz, father Ralph Bowers and siblings Alverta (Harry) Sembower, Wilbur Bowers, and John Bowers. Visitation will be 1:30 pm Saturday, August 16 with a celebration of life to follow at 3:00 pm and a meal to follow the service from 4:00 – 6:00 pm at All

Shepherd's Lutheran Church, 6580 Columbus Pike, Lewis Center, OH 43035.
The family suggests donations be made to All Shepherd's Lutheran Church in
LaVonne's memory or blood donations to the American Red Cross.
Arrangements by Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell. To leave a condolence
for the family please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **16**. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

All Shepherds Lutheran Church
6580 Columbus Pike
Lewis Center, OH 43035

Celebration of Life

AUG **16**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JL

“ JIM, Beth & Jimmy
Sending Love & sympathy !
So very sorry can't make the Memorial..
I will miss Vonnies Phone calls !
So glad I got to visit Jim & Vonnie last year.
Thinking of you all ! Love you ..

Janet Bowers ...Sister in law - August 16, 2025 at 07:56 AM

LS

“ Love, Debbie & Steve Speaks purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of LaVonne Bankoske.



Love, Debbie & Steve Speaks - August 13, 2025 at 07:22 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of LaVonne Bankoske.



August 08, 2025 at 07:13 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of LaVonne Bankoske.

August 08, 2025 at 07:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of LaVonne Bankoske.*



August 06, 2025 at 08:13 PM



“ *Cousins Cathy,Rob,Paul,Calvin and famili purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of LaVonne Bankoske.*



Cousins Cathy,Rob,Paul,Calvin and famili - August 01, 2025 at 12:16 PM



“ *I first met LaVonne when she took care of the kitchen after my husband's memorial service. She was so kind. Even sent devilled eggs home with me that day. Her ministry was such a good and important one. I know we are all going to miss her a lot.*

Anne Barton - August 01, 2025 at 09:02 AM



“ *When I joined the family, LaVonne made a point of making me feel welcome. That was 51 years ago and her kindness was not forgotten.
She was a uniquely special lady and gave so much to all who knew her.*

Catherine Bankoske - July 31, 2025 at 05:13 PM

JB

“ Jim & family,
Sending Sympathy & Prayers!
Vonnie will be missed by so many.
A loving sister in law, a precious soul,
What a wonderful reunion in Heaven with her loved ones gone
before ..
Love you Jim..

janet Bowers - July 31, 2025 at 08:27 AM

DA

Uncle Jim,
Aunt Vonnie and you have always held a special place in my heart.

Dave - August 03, 2025 at 07:10 AM

JM

“ Kind, caring, compassionate LaVonne, may
your beautiful soul have peace resting in
God's arms. Deepest sympathies and prayers
be with Jim; and with LaVonne's entire family.



Julie Van Meter - July 30, 2025 at 02:02 PM

DR

“ Remembering working with LaVonne at Norwich Elementary
School. She was always a treat and loved being around the kids. I
am sorry for your loss. Denise Regenbogen

Denise Regenbogen - July 30, 2025 at 01:59 PM

MG

“ Remembering the fun times spent with LaVonne and Jim at Beth and Kurt's house. She was a very special lady and friend. We will miss her.

Marci and Jeff Gaeser

Marci and Jeff Gaeser - July 30, 2025 at 11:25 AM

GL

“ Uncle Jim, I have so many past memories of Aunt Vonnie. You and she were always in my heart even though during the past years we drifted apart and really didn't see or talk to one another often and that was my fault, not yours. Please know that I always Loved you two dearly. I just pray that God gives you and your family peace, strength and comfort during this time of mourning.

We know that Aunt Vonnie is now with her siblings and heavenly family basking in God's Glory. Someday we will see her again.

Gloria - July 30, 2025 at 10:37 AM