



## Gloria Darleen Ross

February 13, 1930 - November 25, 2015

Gloria Darleen (Ferguson) Ross, 85, of Springfield, Ohio passed away on Wednesday, November 25, 2015 at the Springfield Regional Medical Center, surrounded by family and friends, at peace and unafraid. Darleen was born February 13, 1930 in Flat Gap, Kentucky in Johnson County, the daughter of the late Cossie F. Ferguson and Minnie G. (Skaggs, Ferguson) Sparks. On April 12, 1947, she was united in marriage to Steward Ross, the love of her life. Survivors are two sisters Willa Jean and Elwin Sagraves and Anna Bell and Fred Williams; three step-brothers Larry and Jan Sparks, Farrell and Sharon Sparks, and Billy and Carolyn Sparks; two daughters; Carol Lynn and Robert Thompson, and Deborah Lee and Wendell Grim; three sons, Steward David and Ethlyn, Joseph Denver and Teresa (currently in Toledo, Ohio), and Timothy Denzel and Susanna all of the Springfield area; fifteen grandchildren: Robert John and Sandy Thompson, Gilda Rae and Wade Aumiller, Christopher and Lori Thompson, Jason Thompson, Dawn Whitacre, Thomas and Nikki Grim, Matthew and Gillian Ross, David John Ross, Andrew Ross, Noah and Kelli Ross, Hillary and Brandon Lough, Travis and Ritsa Ross, Joanna and Kevin Shuping, Ginny and Steven Paciorek and Jacob Ross; twenty one great grandchildren; one great-great granddaughter; and a host of family, church family and friends. In addition to her parents, Darleen was preceded in death by husband Steward (2007) and three brothers, Eugene Ferguson (1929), Joseph Alonzo Ferguson (1944), and John Hayden Chester Ferguson (2006). Darleen was converted in August 1946 and was baptized

and became a member of the Laurel Hill Primitive Baptist Church, near Blaine, Kentucky until 1950 when she took her membership to Straight Creek Enterprise Baptist Church, Waverly, Ohio. In 1967, she was received by baptism at the Hickory Grove United Baptist Church, Mechanicsburg and there remained a faithful member until her death. Steward and Darleen served as deacons for over 50 years, lovingly prepared many meals for after church dinners, and organized their falls around association schedules. Darleen attended Flat Gap and Springfield High Schools and after careful study proudly earned her GED in 1981. As a young mother, Darleen lead several initiatives to improve the neighborhood of Limecrest just south of Springfield, helping to bring natural gas and the neighborhood's own Possum Wigwam kindergarten. Darleen also touched many lives while employed as a cook and bus driver for the Springfield Shawnee School District, retiring in 1990. Darleen enjoyed recording their active life in pictures and notes, and she gardened, embroidered, quilted and collected dolls and dishes until her sight and mobility failed, which she bore with grace. Throughout her life, Darleen never knew a stranger and was loved by many. She was blessed with a full and long life; devoted to her church, family and neighborhood; she will be greatly missed. Funeral Services to be held 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at the Hickory Grove United Baptist Church (9551 State Route 161, Mechanicsburg, Ohio) with the ministers of the Hickory Grove church, Elders Patrick Gilliland, Keith Scheiderer and Todd Scheiderer officiating, assisted by Elder Larry Salyers; burial to follow in Maple Grove Cemetery, Mechanicsburg, Ohio. Friends may call at the church 3-7 p.m., Sunday, November 29, 2015. Pallbearers will be the grandsons. Arrangements are through the Adkins Funeral Home, Enon, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Darleen's memory may be made to the Community Mercy Hospice, 444 W. Harding Blvd, Springfield, Ohio 45504.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Grove Cemetery

5549 Mechanicsburg Catawba Rd  
Mechanicsburg, OH 43044

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **29**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hickory Grove United Baptist Church  
9551 State Route 161  
Mechanicsburg, OH 43044

## Funeral Service

DEC **1**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Hickory Grove United Baptist Church  
9551 State Route 161  
Mechanicsburg, OH 43044

# Tribute Wall

PP

“ As the Senior Pastor of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Springfield, Ohio...the church of Robert and Sandy Thompson...and on behalf of our membership, I send our prayer-full support for all of you as you live and serve through the death of this dear family member. May God grant you all ample opportunities to bear witness to her faith and yours in the promise of eternal life for all who live and die in the faith!

*Pastor Daniel M. Powell*

Pastor Daniel M. Powell - November 29, 2015 at 05:37 AM

JM

“ So sorry, for your loss. May the Lord comfort, and bless you all, as only he can do. Love and prayers. Phil and Judy murray.

judith murray - November 28, 2015 at 05:34 PM



“ 187 files added to the album Life Tributes



Adkins Funeral Home - November 28, 2015 at 03:21 PM

BM

“ Aunt Darleen, or Darleen Grandma, as I referred to this very special lady when I was young. I cherished her so much. A trip to her house was always a delight. My favorite memory was baking my first cake under her careful tutelage. I remember she let me lick the spoon and clean out the bowl. I didn't think there would be any cake to bake because there was so much batter left for me to taste. We went outside and she took my picture in the front yard. To this day I can taste that batter, not the cake, just the batter. I will so miss her calling me Beverly Joans. Love to you all.

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**Bev McConnell** - November 28, 2015 at 12:43 PM

AW

“ Alvin And Joni Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Gloria Darleen Ross



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**Alvin and Joni Wilcox** - November 28, 2015 at 11:46 AM

EC

“ To know Sister Darleen was to love her.  
I know you, her dear famil, and all of us will miss her beautiful smile but we can be thankful that her journey is ended and she now has perfect peace.  
She fought a good fight. She kept the faith.  
I love all of you.  
Sister Erma

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**Erma Conley** - November 28, 2015 at 10:58 AM

DH

“*Doug And Rose Hackworth lit a candle in memory of Gloria Darleen Ross*



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**Doug and Rose Hackworth** - November 28, 2015 at 09:30 AM

NJ

*Nobody can and never will know the love I have of the memories of every summer for 3 weeks their whole family spent in Ky. at the "OLE" house. I don't think I could have survived without that to look forward to. It meant the world to me, and my sisters and brother. I will always remember the whole family and love them with all my heart!! Nieda*

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**Nieda Jenkins** - November 30, 2015 at 03:07 PM