



## LETHA E. ROE

December 11, 1938 - May 1, 2016

### OBITUARY FOR LETHA E. ROE

ROE, Letha E., age 77, of Middletown, Ohio passed away Sunday, May 1, 2016 at her residence. She was born December 11, 1938 in West Liberty, Kentucky and moved to Middletown in 1957. Letha was employed as an assembler at Miami Carey. She also worked many jobs in the community and was a volunteer at a clothing center for the homeless. Letha enjoyed collecting red bird items, and was an avid bingo player. The family extends their special thanks and appreciation to Hospice Care of Middletown, and her three nurses, Sara, Patricia and Vonnie. Preceding her in death were her parents, John and Edna Smith Gunnell; her husband, Hershel Roe Sr. in 2006; one son, Hershel Roe, Jr in 1977; one daughter, Linda Roe in 2003; grandson, Michael Joseph Kennedy; great granddaughter, Alanna King; brother, Delbert Gunnell; and sister Lily Mae Ross. She is survived by six children, Brenda Roe, Teresa (Tom) Fisher, James "Tim" Roe, Connie Kennedy, Wendy (Mike) Huntsberger and David (Katie) Roe; 16 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; one special great granddaughter, Rhianna King; three brothers, Bert, Bob and Teddy; five sisters, Irene, Marie, Judy, Anita and Carol; two special friends, Margie Birchwell and Virginia Robinson; and many nieces, nephews and extended family. Visitation will be Friday, May 6, 2016 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Herr-Riggs Funeral Home, 210 S. Main St., Middletown, followed by services at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Rodney Roe officiating. Interment will be at Butler County Memorial Park, Trenton. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Care of Middletown, 3909 Central Ave., Middletown, Ohio 45044. Arrangements by Herr-Riggs Funeral Home, 210 S. Main St., Middletown. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.herr-riggs.com](http://www.herr-riggs.com)

# Comments

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“ I am truly sorry for your loss. She was a incredible woman and she will be greatly missed.  
Sarah DeBord

**Sarah DeBord** - May 17, 2016 at 01:40 PM

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“ Sarah DeBord lit a candle in memory of LETHA E. ROE



**Sarah DeBord** - May 13, 2016 at 03:45 PM

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“ Jami Marie lit a candle in memory of LETHA E. ROE



**Jami Marie** - May 06, 2016 at 08:36 AM

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“ Connie Kennedy lit a candle in memory of LETHA E. ROE



Connie Kennedy - May 05, 2016 at 09:00 AM

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“ I remember when i was little and i had long blonde hair,I beged mom to cut it for me ,i kept crying until i finally talked her into cutting it ,then after she cut my hair i cryed again because she cut it LOL,I LOVE YOU SO MUCH MOM<GONNA MISS YOU BAD.

Connie Kennedy - May 05, 2016 at 09:00 AM

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“ BonnieVonnie Duff lit a candle in memory of LETHA E. ROE



BonnieVonnie Duff - May 04, 2016 at 08:39 PM

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“ Gay Hemmer & Debbie Bledsoe lit a candle in memory of LETHA E. ROE



**Gay Hemmer & Debbie Bledsoe** - May 04, 2016 at 05:12 PM



“ Gay Hemmer, Marie Engle's Sister-in-Law. God Bless all the Family & Friends! Letha will truly be missed!

**Gay Hemmer** - May 04, 2016 at 05:16 PM

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“ Leah Workman lit a candle in memory of LETHA E. ROE



**Leah Workman** - May 04, 2016 at 02:03 PM

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“ Silver Tharp lit a candle in memory of LETHA E. ROE



**Silver Tharp** - May 04, 2016 at 12:00 PM

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MY PERSONAL FAVORITE STORY OF LETHA

IT WAS THE TIME WE DROVE DOWN TO KENTUCKY TO VISIT RELATIVES.  
BOTH OF US HADN'T BEEN IN A LONG TIME AND WE WERE SURE WE DIDN'T  
NEED A MAP,

INSTEAD WE WERE GONNA GET THERE BY LOOKING AT OLD LANDMARKS  
AND FAMILAR SCENERY.

I WAS DRIVING ALONG AND LETHA HAD FELL ASLEEP,I STARTED TO NOTICE  
THAT NOTHING LOOKED THE SAME,

HOUSES AND WOODS DID NOT RECONIZE ANYTHING,SO I WOKE LETHA UP  
AND TOLD HER I THINK WE ARE LOST.SHE SAID

FIND A RESTROOM AND WE WILL ASK WHERE WE ARE.I DROVE ABOUT  
ANOTHER MILE AND SAW THE SIGN WELCOME TO RENFRO VALLEY.

SHE LAUGHED! ,AND SAID WELL WE ALMOST MADE IT TO TENNESSEE.

WE HAD WENT 100 MILES OR SO FURTHER THAN WHAT WE NEEDED TO  
MAKE OUR TURN.

WE FOUND A LITTLE MOUNTAIN TRUCK STOP ASK FOR DIRECTIONS AND  
GOT SOME FOOD.

WE GOT TURNED BACK AROUND AND WENT BACK ONLY TO MISS OUR TURN  
AGAIN.

SHE SAID WELL THE SCENERY HAS CHANGED ALOT IN 5 YEARS....

MOST PEOPLE WOULD HAVE BEEN AGGRAVATED BUT NOT HER SHE  
STARTED LAUGHING AND MADE ME LAUGH SO HARD TEARS WAS A  
ROLLING.

ABOUT 5 MINS LATER SHE SAID WHAT ARE WE LAUGHING ABOUT,I SAID I  
DON'T KNOW.

WE DID FINALLY MAKE IT TO WEST LIBERTY.ONLY TOOK US 6 HRS MOST  
PEOPLE CAN DO IT IN 2 OR 3 HRS..

I MISS HER SO MUCH SHE WAS SO EASY TO TALK TO,EVERY KID THAT EVER  
MET HER LOVED HER.

SHE WORE HER HEART ON HER SLEEVE.

SHE WAS VERY PROTECTIVE OVER HER CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN  
AND GREAT GRAND CHILDREN.

SHE WOULD CALL ME JUST TO SEE HOW I WAS DOING ALL THE TIME.

SHE WOULD TRY AND HELP ANYONE SHE COULD,WITH CLOTHES OR  
FOOD,OR JUST A KIND WORD !

SHE LOVED TO PLAY BINGO AND THE LOTTERY AND WAS GOOD AT IT.SHE  
WOULD WIN ALL THE TIME...AND SPEND THE MONEY ON HER KIDS...

SHE ENDURED THE GREATEST PAIN THAT A MOTHER COULD FEEL SHE  
LOST HER SON HERSHEY THEN HER DAUGHTER LINDA AND IT DID SOME  
DAMAGE

TO HER HEART.IT TOOK YEARS TO BE ABLE TO TALK ABOUT IT,BUT THE  
TEARS AND THE PAIN NEVER WENT AWAY.

SHE ALSO SAID IF I TOLD BERT ONCE I TOLD HIM 100 TIMES TO LEAVE DEB

ALONE OR I'M GOING TO TELL DADDY.THEY WERE ON HER MIND TOWARDS  
THE END.

SHE LOOKED OVER AT ME ONE DAY (SHE WAS GETTING SO WEAK) AND  
SAID" DO YOU KNOW WHY I LOVED RED BIRDS AND CARDINALS SO MUCH ?  
BECAUSE THEY ARE A SIGN THAT ANGELS ARE NEAR,BECAUSE SOMEONE  
FROM HEAVEN IS VISITING YOU...



**Silver Tharp** - May 04, 2016 at 07:02 AM

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“ **Peggy Lykins** lit a candle in memory of LETHA E. ROE



**Peggy lykins** - May 04, 2016 at 07:00 AM

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“ **Kelly Tester** lit a candle in memory of LETHA E. ROE



**Kelly Tester** - May 04, 2016 at 05:42 AM

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“ Heaven got a beautiful Angel ... you will be missed by so many people, you were loved by everyone who knew you. You are no longer in pain and finally reunited with Hershel, oh what a beautiful reunion that must be. You were an awesome lady and I looked up to you for being so strong for everyone. RIP Letha



**Pam Stamper-Hunter** - May 04, 2016 at 01:03 AM

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“ Sylvia Howard lit a candle in memory of LETHA E. ROE



**Sylvia Howard** - May 03, 2016 at 11:46 PM

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“ Tonya Neace lit a candle in memory of LETHA E. ROE



**Tonya Neace** - May 03, 2016 at 10:58 PM

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“ Sherry Heinlein lit a candle in memory of LETHA E. ROE



sherry heinlein - May 03, 2016 at 10:52 PM

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“ I'm so sorry your family is in my heart and prayers she was a awesome lady

sherry heinlein - May 03, 2016 at 10:52 PM

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“ My family is from West Liberty also and have always known the family, although I had never met Letha personally,I met her through Hospice care recently. When I met her, I soon found out she was a force to be reckoned with, her family loved her with so much compassion, I'm sure they wouldve done anything to make her happy, I know she had a hard time departing from this world ,Im sure because she didn't want to leave them., I'm sure she was proud of each and every one,her face always lit up when she spoke of them. it was always a pleasure to visit Letha and her family..they always made you feel part of their family.I understand why they loved her so much.....I will miss her.....

Bonnie(Vonnie) Duff - May 03, 2016 at 09:09 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers. Im so sorry for your loss. She was a very nice person but also always spoke her mind ;). She is in a better place and flying high with all her friends and family in heaven.

robin - May 04, 2016 at 06:52 AM

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“ Nadine Terry lit a candle in memory of LETHA E. ROE



**Nadine Terry** - May 03, 2016 at 09:04 PM