



## Leona B. Dunkle

January 20, 1938 - July 9, 2025

Leona “Bridget” Dunkle, 87, of Clarion, passed away peacefully Wednesday evening, July 9, 2025 at the Clarion Hospital surrounded by her family.

She was born on January 20, 1938 on the family farm in New Bethlehem to the late Thomas P. and Ruth E. Clinger Dwyer.

Bridget was a 1955 graduate of Redbank Valley High School.

She married Richard S. Dunkle in November of 1958 at Saint Charles Catholic Church in New Bethlehem. He preceded her in death on April 7, 1991.

Bridget worked at numerous places, including Bell Telephone, Northwest Savings Bank as a teller, and retired from Clarion Elementary School as an IU6 teacher’s aide. She was also a dedicated landlord, owning Dunkle Rentals with her husband and sons.

Bridget was of the Catholic faith.

She was also a member of the Clarion VFW #2145 and enjoyed astrology, bowling, and dancing with her significant other, John Ochs.

But most of all, Bridget loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and holiday get-togethers.

She is survived by her significant other, John Ochs of Clarion; her daughter, Teresa “Terri” Swyers of Clarion; 3 sons, Mark R. Dunkle of Limestone, David S. Dunkle of Clarion, and Douglas E. Dunkle and his wife, Cindy, of Clarion; 9 grandchildren, Gary Smith and his wife, Vanessa, of Cranberry Township, Bridget Smith of Dubois, Richelle Swyers of New York, Luke Swyers and his wife, Haley, of Brockway, Scott Swyers and his wife, Amber, of Saegertown,

Danielle Chamberlain and Jeff of Sugar Grove, Autumn Dunkle and her significant other, Alex, of Erie, Amanda Dunkle of Clarion, and Sara Nichols of Dayton; along with several great grandchildren.

Bridget is also survived by her sisters, Eileen Himes of New Bethlehem, Fran Seymore of Ohio, and Helen Reed of Latrobe; along with several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her siblings, John Dwyer, Ruth Kemmer, Mary Kennedy, Tom Dwyer, and Jerry Dwyer.

Family and friends will be received from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, July 14, 2025 at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion, where funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. with Rev. Samuel Bungo presiding.

Interment will take place at the Cedarview Memorial Park in Strattanville.

# Cemetery Details

## Cedarview Memorial Park

1923 Fisher Road  
Strattanville, PA 16258

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 14. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Robert V. Burns Funeral Home  
638 Wood Street  
Clarion, PA 16214  
(814) 226-6300  
<https://www.rvburnsfuneralhome.com>

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



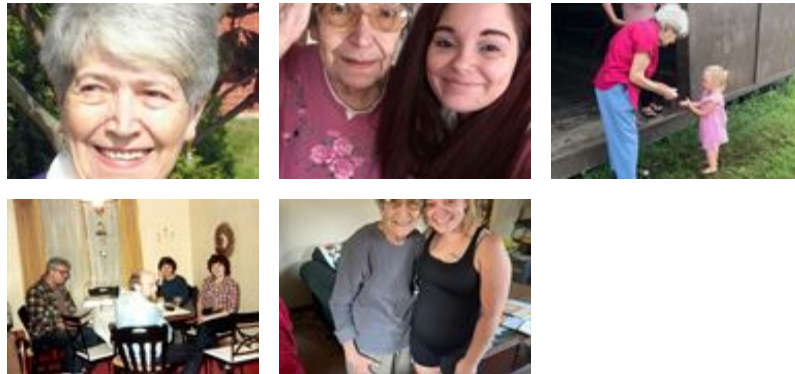
“ Robert V Burns Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Leona B. Dunkle



Robert V Burns Funeral Home - July 13, 2025 at 04:38 PM



“ 63 files added to the album Life Tributes



Robert V Burns Funeral Home - July 13, 2025 at 04:23 PM

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“ The Bill & Mary Kennedy family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Leona B. Dunkle.



The Bill & Mary Kennedy family - July 13, 2025 at 09:36 AM



“ Mrs Dunkle was my landlord at Clarion in the late 90s/early 2000. We once moved a porch to connect our two units and she handled it gracefully. Looking back, I appreciated her flexibility and tolerance for us college kids finding our way.

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**Sarah Liptak** - July 13, 2025 at 07:02 AM

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“ W.D. Kennedy Jr, Wanda Anderson & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Leona B. Dunkle.



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**W.D. Kennedy Jr, Wanda Anderson & Family** - July 12, 2025 at 11:09 AM

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“ Thomas M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leona B. Dunkle.

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**Thomas M.** - July 11, 2025 at 11:09 PM

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“ The Seymour Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Leona B. Dunkle.



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**The Seymour Family** - July 11, 2025 at 07:15 PM

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“ *The Seymour Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leona B. Dunkle.*

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**The Seymour Family** - July 11, 2025 at 07:15 PM

KJ

“ *An amazing woman. We were blessed to have her in our lives.*

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**Kathy Jennings** - July 11, 2025 at 03:28 PM