



## Forni, Delora

December 25, 2011

Forni, Ila Delora, 90, went to be with her Lord and Savior Christmas morning, Sunday, December 25, 2011.

She was born April 8, 1921 to Oscar and Estella (Roth) Fankhauser.

After graduating Powhatan High School, she completed cosmetology school in Columbus. She traveled across the country by train to marry Earl Forni, who was in the Army Air Corps stationed in San Bernadino, CA. They were married on June 14, 1943 and from that union had five children. She was a lifelong member of St. John's United Church of Christ, Powhatan Point, OH. Ila's life was one of serving others, putting their needs ahead of hers whether it be for her family, working as a beautician, serving as a Sunday school teacher or a member of the Women's Guild. She was the ultimate multi-tasker. She could put a full meal on the table in 10 minutes while finishing a seam on a sewing project. Ila met a friend wherever she went as evidenced by the number of people who loved and respected her. She had a wonderful sense of humor and displayed it often. She was a supportive, loving, caring wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt and friend.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Forni; two sisters, Mildred Fankhauser and Frances Lehman; a brother, Willard (Bill) Fankhauser; and a granddaughter, Melissa Forni.

Survivors include her five children, Nancy Alloway of Lexington, MA, David (Bonnie) Forni of New Matamoras, OH; John (Marilyn) Forni and Mark

(Luann) Forni, both of Woodsfield, OH, and Jane Forni of Montrose, CO; grandchildren, Noah (Michelle) Forni, Adam (Becky) Forni, Megan Alloway, Brook Alloway, Amanda, Jacob and Joshua Forni, Kyle (Laura) Forni, Glenn (Adrienne) Forni and Aleesia Forni; great grandchildren, Aidan, Ella, Adelaide and Neela Forni.

Family will receive friends on Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. at Grisell Funeral Home, 125 Clarinda Drive, Clarington. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. at St. John's United Church of Christ, 51736 German Ridge Road, Powhatan Point, OH, with Rev. Carla Wobschall, Rev. Darla Schnegg and Rev. Susan Lehosky officiating.

Interment in St. John's Cemetery, Powhatan Point, OH.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's United Church of Christ, 51736 German Ridge Road, Powhatan Point, OH 43942.

Sympathy expressions at [grisellfuneralhomes.com](http://grisellfuneralhomes.com)

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ Mark, Dave, and Bonnie, I was so sorry to hear of Ila's passing. I got to meet her or probably re-meet her at Westwood Landing this past summer. What a lovely lady! I am so glad that she and my mom got to become better friends if only for a few weeks. Her beauty and kindness were so evident. She will be so missed by all her friends at Westwood, and the visitors that came there will miss her smiling face.

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**Karen Ullman Marks** - January 05, 2012 at 02:38 PM

JD

“ To the Forni family we want to extend to you our deepest sympathy. May your wonderful memories help you through this difficult time.

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**Joe&Vivian Decker** - December 30, 2011 at 05:05 PM

CM

“ Nancy, Megan & Brooke, Thinking of you - Your mother/grandmother gave us the gift of you. Colleen, Faith and Noah

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**Colleen McDonald** - December 28, 2011 at 07:00 PM

RA

“ Dave and Bonnie, our love and sympathy are with you and all of Ila's family.

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**Ray and Cathy Ake** - December 28, 2011 at 06:32 PM

DS

“ To the Forni families: So sorry to hear of the passing of your mother/grandmother. Our deepest heartfelt sympathy. May God give all of you strength during this sad time.

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**Dave & Donna Secrest** - December 28, 2011 at 05:35 PM

SR

“ My sympathies to you all. What a great lady Ila was, and she leaves behind a wonderful family. Ila and Earl were both such nice people. I also have memories of going to their house to get my hair done!

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**Shella Bryte Ross** - December 28, 2011 at 05:11 PM

DM

“ To the Forni family, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. I have such fond memories of Ila when I was growing up. My grandma Dorothy used to take me there to get my hair cut when I was a kid. I still remember the first perm I had was given by Ila. She was always such a sweet lady and when you walked in her door she always made you feel at home. May God comfort you during this difficult time, and please know your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Diane Mozena** - December 28, 2011 at 04:19 PM

SP

“ Dear Forni family: Don and I express our sympathy to your entire family in the passing of Ila. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Don and Suzanne Pollock

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**Suzanne Pollock** - December 28, 2011 at 09:44 AM

PN

“ Forni Family, my deepest sympathy to all of you. I feel honored to have known your Mother these past few years. She was a very special person that everyone loved. May all the wonderful memories you shared, help you during these most difficult time. I am sorry I will be unable to come to visiting hours, but you are all in my thought and prayers. Pandora

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**Pandora Neuhart** - December 27, 2011 at 07:43 PM

LJ

“ Sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother. Cherish the memories. God Bless

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**LILA AND DONALD JONES** - December 27, 2011 at 05:59 PM

CS

“ To Mark and Luann my condolences for your loss. She was blessed to have such loving and attentive children in her life. I know she will be missed.

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**Cynthia Stewart** - December 27, 2011 at 05:14 PM

BS

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our prayers, May God confort you.

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**Bob & Iolene Sawyers** - December 27, 2011 at 03:18 PM

MW

“ To the Forni Family, So sorry to hear of your loss. Ila was such a nice person. Just remember the wonderful memories you have of your parents. God Bless

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**Marvin & Betty Ward** - December 27, 2011 at 02:49 PM

LH

“ Dearest Mark and Luann and the entire Forni family, I am so sorry to hear of Ila's passing. I met her at the nursing home when she would visit with Donna and I have never met anyone with such warmth and integrity. May God bless and give you comfort at this time of great loss

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**Linda Hill** - December 27, 2011 at 02:16 PM

RS

“ Dearest Nancy, Megan, Brook and Forni family, please accept our deepest sympathy in the passing of your loved one. We have great memories of your mom/grandma and she will be greatly missed. We send you our love and healing prayers. Love, Rudi, Michael, Jani, Peter and Natasha

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**Rudi Scheiber-Kurtz** - December 27, 2011 at 02:04 PM

MS

“ With sympathy to Nancy, her brothers and sister. I have good memories of coming to your house when we were in grade school. Both your Mom and Dad were very nice people, my parents have each passed also. How time keeps changing!

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**Marsha Kanzigg Shirin** - December 27, 2011 at 01:50 PM

DS

“ My deepest sympathy to all the family. A wonderful lady will be missed by many. Will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Donette Isaly Sickels** - December 27, 2011 at 08:52 AM

TS

“ To Jane and The Forni Family,I will always remember how welcome Ila made me feel when I would go home with Jane after church and attend Youth Group.What a wonderful cook! Above all I will remember her as a warm and caring christian lady.Tom and I extend our deepest sympathies to each of you.

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**Tom and Debbie Stack** - December 27, 2011 at 08:38 AM

NF

“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Ila Forni. Ila was truly a very loved and special woman in my life. Since my childhood, My parents introduced me to southern Ohio, my family heritage, my extended family and Earl and Ila. To me Earl and Ila were larger than life. Always standing at the door. Ready to greet us and welcome us after our long trip to see them. The memories that followed year after year and the times I had with them are part of my fabric that continue to be with me forever. Ila continued to hold a very special place in my heart and I was blessed to be able to share her life with my two daughters Megan and Nicole. Ila has truly touched me and my family. To all of us that have known her. She will never be forgotten. Her love and devotion of family has helped shaped all of us that have loved her and she will continue to be part of us always. Sincerely, Neil Forni

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**Neil Forni** - December 26, 2011 at 06:50 PM

BI

“ My deepest sympathies are extended to all of Ila's family. I remember her well from my childhood days when I visited her niece and my dearest friend, Carol Lehman Williams. She was truly a special person.

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**Betty Jo Isaly** - December 26, 2011 at 02:45 PM

MS

“ *John and Family: Our deepest sympathy in the loss of your Mother. There's no greater memory than that of a wonderful loving mother. Treasure those memories! Sincerely Mark and Karen Stegner and Family*

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**Mark and Karen Stegner** - December 26, 2011 at 01:53 PM