



## Alan Marvin Gruenhagen

August 7, 1959 - June 4, 2024

Alan Marvin Gruenhagen, 64, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at his home. He was born on August 7, 1959, to Marvin and Arlene (Sunderman) Gruenhagen. Alan married Lori Wesche on August 5, 1989 at St. John Lutheran Church, Stryker, Ohio.

Alan graduated from the University of Toledo with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1982, and from the University of Toledo College of Law with a Juris Doctor in 1987. He worked for various engineering firms before working as a Hearing Officer for Lucas County Child Support Enforcement Agency and Director for Henry County Child Support Enforcement Agency until his retirement in 2018. Alan was also lifelong farmer in Freedom Township. He was a lifelong member of St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township, where he served in various positions, including Church Council President, School Board, and Finance Deacon. Alan also served as secretary of the Freedom Township Men's Club.

Alan is survived by his wife of 34 years, Lori; children, Alex Gruenhagen, Haley (James) O'Neil, and Luke Gruenhagen; grandson, Jack O'Neil; mother, Arlene (Sunderman) Gruenhagen, and sisters, Teresa (Eric) Weller, and Karen (Tim) Johnston. He was preceded in death by his son, William Gruenhagen; father, Marvin Gruenhagen, and sister, Joyce Gruenhagen.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Thursday, June 6, 2024 from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Funeral services will be held at St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township, on Friday, June 7, 2024 at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township, St. John Lutheran School, or CHP Defiance Area Hospice. Online messages may be shared with the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 6. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon  
1010 Westmoreland Avenue  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## Visitation

JUN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township  
16035 County Road U  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## Funeral Service

JUN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township  
16035 County Road U  
Napoleon, OH 43545

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Arlene, Lori & family,  
You have our deepest sympathy! We have known Arlene & Marvin  
for a long time. Prayers for the family!  
Norbert & Linda Sonnenberg*

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**Norbert C. Sonnenberg** - June 16, 2024 at 04:07 PM

RJ

“ *So sorry to hear of Alan's passing. He was a solid attorney, great  
colleague and a tremendous family man. Peace to Lori and the  
family.*

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**Rob Jones** - June 10, 2024 at 01:59 PM

RB

“ *Alan and I spent many a lunch together talking engineering, the law  
and family. I will miss Alan dearly but my memories will keep him  
alive in my heart.*

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**Richard Bertz** - June 06, 2024 at 03:14 PM

NP

“ *God Speed Alan! I will always remember our times at Lucas County!  
The best times were not at work though... It was when Alan taught  
me to take the Tarta Bus to work! Riding that bus to work was the  
best cure for road rage! I will miss running into Alan at auctions and  
all the discussions about farming and our retirement woes! He will  
be missed.*

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**Natalie Pallitta** - June 06, 2024 at 07:49 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Alan Marvin Gruenhagen.*



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June 05, 2024 at 09:00 PM



“ *Met Alan in high school and got to know him very well over the years since. Absolutely a wholesome responsible man who cared, and held an even keel in the face of adversity. His family can be very proud of the life he lived.*

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**Charles L Grater** - June 05, 2024 at 08:55 PM



“ *Harry Porter*

*Sorry to hear the passing of Alan. He was a good friend for many years. We met back at Feller, Finch & Assoc. while he was going to engineering school. To this day many years later Alan would meet with are group of friends at Dale's Bar & Grill every last Wednesday of the month a noon. We knew alot about each other from all are conversations. Alan will be missed by are group God bless this kind hearted person!!!*

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**Harry Porter** - June 05, 2024 at 03:39 PM

SL

“ I am so saddened to hear of Alan's passing. Alan and I were both promoted to leadership positions in Child Support around the same time. We got to know each other when we went to new director's training together. Over the years, we worked closely together on a number of child support cases. I always found him to be friendly, positive and helpful. I'm so very sorry for your loss.

*Stephanie Lauwers*

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**Stephanie Lauwers** - June 05, 2024 at 10:31 AM

DZ

“ My heart goes out to Lori and the rest of the family. Hugs to you all from Wisconsin. I will have a beer Thursday and toast to Alan.  
*Diane Zimmer*

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**Diane Zimmer** - June 04, 2024 at 08:51 PM

YK

“ Yvonne Klopfenstein purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Alan Marvin Gruenhagen.



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**Yvonne Klopfenstein** - June 04, 2024 at 04:07 PM

CH

“ Lori and family Please know you are all in our prayers. Alan is now healed in Jesus arms. Todd and Chris Hesterman

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**Christine Hesterman** - June 04, 2024 at 03:40 PM