



Arthur "Art" Germann

July 21, 1934 - September 26, 2025

Arthur William Germann Jr., son of Arthur William Germann Sr. and Edna Irene (Weirich) Germann, began his lifelong residency in Henry County on July 21, 1934. Born into humble beginnings, in Grandfather Fred Weirich's plumbing-free house - he became well known as a preeminent builder of some of the finest homes in Henry County.

Starting as a shy, only child, Art blossomed into an engaged community leader. Art's leadership skills emerged early when he was quickly promoted at his first job at Kroger's. From there he drove tanks as a proud member of the US Army 69th Armor from 1955- 1958. Upon his return to Napoleon, he took up his tools and worked with his father at Napoleon Cabinet & Builders, building beautiful, lasting homes. Upon his father's retirement he continued as Germann Builders and later co-created LOLA Enterprises Development Company. Art served on the City of Napoleon Board of Appeals and the ADA Board, as well as the Napoleon Chamber of Commerce. He held memberships in AmVets Post 1313 and American Legion Post 300.

Art's passions included his nearly 70 plus years of marriage to Lois Jean Bixler, who he met and wooed at the Metropole. They raised 3 daughters, while successfully partnering in business for 30 years where they constructed "Not just buildings - Works of Art". The Bavarian Village Retirement Complex at the Lutheran

Horne campus is one of his proudest achievements.

When Art wasn't on the golf course, shooting his age in his later years, he was cheering on his beloved Buckeyes, making birdfeeders, creating the woodshop at the Senior Center, and giving of his time & energy to Rotary, the Historical Society, Relay for Life, Humane Society, and numerous other worthy organizations. Art was a lifelong member of St. Paul Lutheran, where he served as a trustee supporting the congregation and the school. He was one of the few remaining original members of the Honest Farmers Club, which met for coffee & camaraderie for nearly five decades.

Art's life centered around creating hospitality through his home-building, his hearty, warm handshake, and his playful jocularity. Those who know & loved him will cherish his kindness, generosity, honesty, loyalty, & integrity. Art leaves a lasting legacy through his family, including daughters Kathy Germann, Marcella Hughes (John), Andrea Germann (Danny Greulich); grandchildren, Sara (Rob Johnson) John, and Michael Hughes, Alanna (Matt) Bogert, and great-grandchildren, Clayton, Carly and Kevin.

Friends and family will be received at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, from 2pm until 6pm. A celebration of his life will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon, on Wednesday, October 1, at 1:30pm, with an hour of visitation prior to services. Interment will follow services at Forest Hill Cemetery. Memorials in his honor may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church and School. Online condolences can be made for the family at www.rodenbergergray.com. The service for Art can be livestreamed at <http://youtube.com/stpaulnapoleon> or <http://facebook.com/stpaulnapoleon>.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

500 E. Maumee Ave
Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 30. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

OCT 1. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
1075 Glenwood Ave
Napoleon, OH 43545

Funeral Service

OCT 1. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

JS

“ So very sorry for your loss Lois. Our sincere condolences.
Jan and John Stover

Jan Stover - October 02, 2025 at 07:40 PM

TS

“ *Art and Lois were our first neighbors as newly weds. We shared many good times with them. Sending our heartfelt sympathy on Art's passing.*
Tom and Susie Snyder

Tom Snyder - October 01, 2025 at 01:41 PM

SR

“ *Sara R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur "Art" Germann.*

Sara R. - September 30, 2025 at 03:02 PM

LG

“ *Lois, deepest sympathy to you and your family. You and Art are our Thursday evening church buddies. We look so forward to seeing you for a hug. When Jesus greeted Art in Heaven with a hug Jesus said, "Well done my good and faithful servant". Prayers to you, sweet Lois. Marty and Linda Gross*

Linda Gross - September 29, 2025 at 04:02 PM

CS

“ Christy Jeff Mckensie/Landon Schneider purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Arthur "Art" Germann.



Christy Jeff Mckensie/Landon Schneider - September 29, 2025 at 03:34 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arthur "Art" Germann.



September 29, 2025 at 12:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Arthur "Art" Germann.

September 29, 2025 at 12:20 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arthur "Art" Germann.



September 29, 2025 at 08:59 AM

SF

“ *Semones Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Arthur "Art" Germann.*



Semones Family - September 29, 2025 at 08:05 AM

SF

“ *Semones Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur "Art" Germann.*

Semones Family - September 29, 2025 at 08:05 AM

TB

“ *Toledo Division and Bernice purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Arthur "Art" Germann.*



Toledo Division and Bernice - September 29, 2025 at 07:59 AM

TB

“ *Toledo Division and Bernice planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur "Art" Germann.*

Toledo Division and Bernice - September 29, 2025 at 07:59 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Arthur "Art" Germann.



September 28, 2025 at 01:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Arthur "Art" Germann.

September 28, 2025 at 01:42 PM



“ Memorial Honor Blanket was purchased for the family of Arthur "Art" Germann.



September 28, 2025 at 01:38 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Arthur "Art" Germann.

September 28, 2025 at 01:38 PM



“ *David Crable lit a candle in memory of Arthur
Germann*



David Crable - September 28, 2025 at 10:16 AM