



## Bernhard T. Michaelis

June 24, 1937 - June 10, 2021

Bernhard T. Michaelis, 83, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away on Thursday, June 10, 2021. He was born on June 24, 1937, in Napoleon, to Bernhard and Edna (Oberhaus) Michaelis. Ben married his first wife, Barbara Hatfield in October 1960 and preceded him in death in April of 1989. He married Judy Pauley in May 1992.

Ben proudly served his country in the US Army National Guard and was employed at Maumee Valley Vending Company for 34 years before retiring. He was a lifelong member of Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon, where he served as church custodian, choir member, Luther League member and as a Sunday School teacher. He enjoyed working on the family farm and camping. Other than The Ohio State Buckeyes, his great joy was spending time with his family and following the grandkids activities.

He is survived by his wife, Judy; children, Brent (Karen) Michaelis, Brad (Ann) Michaelis, Brian (Julie) Michaelis; stepchildren, Susan (Kevin) Cameron, Michael Pauley and Gregory (Peggy) Pauley; grandchildren, Derek (Morgan) Michaelis, Kyle Michaelis, Megan Michaelis, Mallory Michaelis, Brock Michaelis, Madison Michaelis, Ellie Michaelis and Kaden Michaelis; step grandchildren, Nicholas Cameron, Lucas Cameron, Shannon Rodriguez, Tim Moorehead, Hannah Pauley and Noah Pauley; four great grandchildren; and siblings, Marvin (Nancy) Michaelis and Diane (George) Johnson. In addition to

his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara; stepdaughter, Teresa Pauley; step grandson, Tyler Moorehead; brother, Clarence (Rosie) Michaelis and sister, Betty (Dan) Middleton.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Sunday, June 13, 2021, from 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Funeral Services will be held at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon, on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Interment with military honors will immediately follow at Hoy Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Cure Search, a childhood cancer awareness foundation. Online messages and condolences may be shared with the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hoy Cemetery

St. Rt. 109  
Napoleon, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 13. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

JUN 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Emanuel Lutheran Church  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## Funeral Service

JUN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Emanuel Lutheran Church  
Napoleon, OH 43545

# Tribute Wall

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“ Jeff and Lori Sharpe purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Bernhard T. Michaelis.



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**Jeff and Lori Sharpe** - June 17, 2021 at 02:45 PM

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“ There are a few times in our lives when we are blessed to meet a person who makes us feel true warmth, happiness, contentment and love. Ben's kindness was a treasure and will always be remembered. Much love to you, Judy and your devoted family and friends. We hope you find comfort in knowing that love never dies.  
Love, Eileen Zeebuyth

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**Eileen Zeebuyth** - June 14, 2021 at 07:51 AM

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“ Judy so sorry for your loss. (I worked at Campbell's.) Prayers for you and your Family.



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**Reda Maynard** - June 13, 2021 at 06:20 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bernhard T. Michaelis.*



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June 12, 2021 at 09:27 AM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. Pray for comfort and peace.*



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**Kathleen Lieb** - June 12, 2021 at 06:09 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bernhard T. Michaelis.*



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June 11, 2021 at 09:35 PM



“ *You have our sincere sympathy and prayers to the families. We have known Diann and family since when I grew up.*

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**Rick and Diane Roehl** - June 11, 2021 at 07:21 PM