



## Bertz C. Richard

September 28, 2010

Richard C. Bertz, 76, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away peacefully at his residence on Tuesday evening September 28, 2010 surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on July 15, 1934 to the late Frederick and Emma (Brabandt) Bertz. Richard spent much of his life in the Deshler area, where he was raised by his late uncle and aunt, Fred and Lena Scheele. He later married Ruth (Miller) Bertz on May 13, 1956 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township. She survives in Napoleon. Richard will be remembered as pilot, teacher and community leader. He obtained a bachelors and masters degree from The Ohio State University, where he was also an outstanding athlete serving as Captain and selected All-American for the Soccer team. He worked as a Field Manager at Campbell Soup Company in Greenville and Napoleon, Ohio and then taught vocational agriculture for 9 years at Tyro in Sulpher Springs, Ohio and Pike-Delta-York in Delta, Ohio. He served the community as Henry County Commissioner, member of the Napoleon School Board, member of CCNO Board of Directors, a Trustee Emeritus for Buckeye Boys State, and helped organize the restoration of the Henry County Court House. Richard was also an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon and was involved in various church activities and held numerous positions including Chairman. He was a Lieutenant Colonel and pilot in the United States Air Force and for the Ohio Air National Guard's 145th Air Wing Squadron. He served over 28 years of service and flew hundreds of missions as an air to air refueling pilot. He was a member

and Past Commander for the Bert G. Taylor American Legion Post# 300 in Napoleon, member of the Arthur Dan Petersen Amvets Post #1313 and Luther R. Kolbe VFW Post #8218, both of Napoleon. He was very active in helping veterans and held a position at the state level in safeguarding quality living for veterans. Also surviving are children, Rich (Cathy) Bertz and Vicki (Ken) Woods, both of Napoleon, Steve (Sylvia) Bertz of Sandy Hook, CT, Mark (Susan) Bertz of Alfreda, GA, and Brenda Bertz of Orlando, FL; 10 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren; half brother, Walter Bertz and half sister, Barbara (Rob) Turner. He was also preceded in death by his stepfather Walter Bertz; brothers, Fritz and Herb Bertz; and a granddaughter, Valerie Bertz. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon. Interment will follow in Forest Hill Cemetery in Napoleon where military honors will be conducted by the US Air Force Funeral Detail and Napoleon Joint Veteran Posts. Visitation will be held from 2-8 p.m. on Friday at the Rodenberger Funeral Home and on Saturday 1 hr prior the funeral at the church. The family suggests memorials to the Hospice of Henry County, St. Paul Lutheran Church, or a charity of the donor's choice.

# Tribute Wall



“ My heartfelt condolences to the entire Bertz family. I share warm memories of seeing Mr. Bertz at so many events in junior and senior high. You are in our prayers. Be joyful knowing the ol' Colonel has been called for one final mission. God speed and fair winds LTC Bertz.##imported-begin##Stephen Budgell##imported-end##

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“ You and your family our in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Hans And Rita Welker##imported-end##

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss, I remember my many good times with Mark and Mr. and Mrs. Bertz and Rich, Steve and Brenda as they let me tag along during my school years, even liked helping with the raking and painting. All the days Mr. Bertz drove us to swim practice - getting up early to accommodate us. I remember him getting mad at me like any dad would, he truly was an excellent father figure for many many kids, I am sure. He would always ask me if I had learned anything from whatever experience I had had, even working all night getting that old T'Bird ready for Mark to take, and he would not like it if I had not learned something. And the many times eating pizza after the football games, now that my youngest is in high school I am continuing that tradition! I remember coming by and visiting with my fiancÃ©e Sharon, and how Mr. and Mrs. Bertz made her feel so welcome and Mr. Bertz showing her how to make homemade noodles. I pray that God will hold you up through your grief and strengthen you in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Dean Forbes##imported-end##

October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sincere sympathy to the family of Richard Bertz##imported-begin##Cheryl Bair Gunn##imported-end##*

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“ *When I think of Dad, a smile immediately come on my face. I will miss how good he always would smell and the twinkle in is eyes. From our 1st meeting he made me feel like we had always known each other. And after meeting all of his children I know that was a gift he passed on to them. Therefore DAD is not gone but lives on. You Children are His legacy.Praying for you,Jackie##imported-begin##Jackie Barnes##imported-end##*

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September 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *love you all very much uncle richard is in a better place. I'm sure his brothers met him there.##imported-begin##Chris & Craig Cole##imported-end##*

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“ *May God fill you with His strength and surround you with His love. In Christian Love,Alice and Bruce Ford##imported-begin##Bruce & Alice Ford##imported-end##*

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“ *##imported-begin##Steve Bertz##imported-end##*

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“ Thinking of you and praying for God to give you the strength and support you need to make it through these sad days. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Teresa Taylor##imported-end##

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“ Dad was a perfect father, a wonderful husband and was the most caring, giving and compassion man. Everything that is good in me, I got from him. He was a great role model and taught me so many things, but most importantly, he taught me to show compassion for people and to help and care for others around me, and to show forgiveness. He touched so many lives and he loved his family with all his heart. Everything he did, he did for his family - he always put us first. I love you dad and miss you with all my heart. You're the best dad a daughter could ask for.##imported-begin##Brenda Bertz##imported-end##

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