



Charles Burleigh Leader Jr.

June 21, 1933 - August 20, 2021

Charles (Charlie) Burleigh Leader, Jr., 88, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away peacefully on August 20, 2021 at McLaren St. Luke's in Maumee, Ohio. Charlie was born to Charles & Mary Leader on June 21, 1933 at home in McComb, Ohio. On October 27, 1979, he married Truus G. Rizzo of Galion, Ohio who survives.

Charlie Leader was a graduate of McComb High School in 1951 and served in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956 then received his Mechanical Engineering degree in 1960 from Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio. Charlie had a strong faith and was an elder of the Napoleon Presbyterian Church where he sang in the choir and served on numerous committees. He was a devoted family man and relished the memories made during holidays and functions with family and friends.

In 1984, Charlie formed Leader Engineering-Fabrication, Inc. and took great pride in helping solve manufacturing problems for many industries. Charlie had an engineer's mentality that came to the forefront in many conversations. He received the Ohio Northern University T.J. Smull College of Engineering Distinguished Alumni Award in 2017 and has a classroom named in his dedication.

Besides his wife, Charlie is survived by son, Dennis (Deb) Leader, Mt. Gilead,

Ohio and daughters, Cynthia (Mitchell) Tayse, Tipp City, Ohio and Diana Sehlmeyer, Napoleon, Ohio, stepson, Bruce (Brenda) Rizzo, Columbus, Ohio and stepdaughter Theresa (Jay) Rizzo, Columbus, Ohio, grandchildren Alex (Jaci) Leader, Janel Leader, Rachel Tayse, Sarah Tayse, Megan Tayse, Heather Tayse, Sean Sehlmeyer, Haley Sehlmeyer, Breanne (Remi) Antonsen, Brigette Rizzo, Bryce (Liz) Rizzo and great-grandchildren Evelyn, Jacob, Lillian, Johan, Petter, Vera, and Rafael. Charlie is also survived by his older brother, Calvin Leader, seven loving sisters Rosemary (Tom) Loy, Dorothy (Robert) Barker, Ruth (Larry) McDougale, Virginia (Charles) Zech, Grace Miller, Linda Osborn, Sheila (Michael) Root, sister-in-law Grace Leader and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by son-in-law Daniel Sehlmeyer, brother Eugene Leader, brother-in-law Owen Miller and sister-in-law Rose Leader.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon on Friday, August 27, 2021, from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Funeral services will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Napoleon, on Saturday, August 28, 2021, at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Interment with military honors will take place at Glenwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church or a charity of your choice. Online messages and condolences may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com. Masks are not required, but encouraged for those at risk or unvaccinated.

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Cemetery

Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Public Viewing

AUG 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
303 West Washington Street
Napoleon, OH 43545

Funeral Service

AUG 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
303 West Washington Street
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

AW

“ *With sincere sympathy to the Leader Family! I was privileged to have known Charlie for many years! He was a devoted husband, father, and a man of God!
May the peace of the Lord comfort you in your sorrow! His life was a gift to many, and his legacy will live on!*

Alfred Wiederwohl - August 27, 2021 at 03:45 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Charles Burleigh Leader Jr..*



August 27, 2021 at 02:30 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Burleigh Leader Jr..*



August 27, 2021 at 10:14 AM

MJ

“ *Zito Dianna Shawn Haley so sorry for your loss Charlie was a great man worked for him was more than a boss was a great friend may God bless him and comfort his family Napoleon and Henry county won't be the same without Charlie Mike Jackson*

Michael Jackson - August 26, 2021 at 04:22 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Leader Tribute*



Rodenberger Funeral Home - August 26, 2021 at 03:41 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of *Charles Burleigh Leader Jr.*



August 26, 2021 at 03:39 PM



“ *The workforce of Leader Engineering* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of *Charles Burleigh Leader Jr.*



The workforce of Leader Engineering - August 26, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ *Mike & Marty Jackson* purchased the *Medium Dish Garden* for the family of *Charles Burleigh Leader Jr.*



Mike & Marty Jackson - August 26, 2021 at 11:34 AM

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“ *With sympathy, Tiffani & Rodney Fischer purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Charles Burleigh Leader Jr..*



With sympathy, Tiffani & Rodney Fischer - August 25, 2021 at 11:05 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Burleigh Leader Jr..*



August 25, 2021 at 07:49 AM

RD

“ *We give our deepest sympathies to Charlie's family and friends at this time. We are so sorry for your loss!*
-Rodney and Victoria Dobson

Rodney and Victoria Dobson - August 24, 2021 at 09:37 PM



“ *Oh Charlie Truus Diana Shawn Dennis and many more we are so sorry for the loss of such a wonderful soul we pray for all of you and pray the Lord gives you all strength and peace at this time. He meant so much*

April Deyarmond - August 23, 2021 at 03:44 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Charles Burleigh Leader Jr..*



August 23, 2021 at 02:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Burleigh Leader Jr..*



August 23, 2021 at 02:33 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Burleigh Leader Jr..*



August 23, 2021 at 02:27 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Burleigh Leader Jr..*



August 23, 2021 at 12:03 PM

JB

“ *I don't know how to start. What a beautiful man! The kind you wish could live forever. He was more than my boss, he was a very dear friend. I'm sure he was greeted by the Lord as he entered the heavenly gates. My deepest sympathies extended to his wonderful family at this difficult time, praying that God will comfort you in the days ahead.*

Joe & Shirley Bohner - August 23, 2021 at 10:03 AM