



Dennis Westhoven

November 8, 1950 - August 19, 2024

Dennis Craig Westhoven, 73, of Napoleon, Ohio, loving son, husband and father, died peacefully on Monday, August 19, 2024 at his residence surrounded by his loving family. He was born November 8, 1950 in Napoleon, Ohio to James P. and Jean Anne (Gerdeman) Westhoven. On January 2, 2024 he married Mary Schnitkey in Napoleon, Ohio.

Denny was a 1969 graduate of Napoleon High School. At NHS, Denny played Football, earning the D.C. Brown Award. He was a track record holder for the two mile race at NHS. Denny also wrestled at NHS. He worked as a Journeyman Tool and Die maker for General Motors, Defiance, and Saturn in Tennessee, for over 25 years, after working at the Napoleon Creamery. In early years he also owned The Tiger Den and was an avid weight lifter and competitor. After retiring to the Upper Peninsula, he worked at Louisiana Pacific, often travelling around the country, working on their paper-making equipment.

Denny was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church, Napoleon. He was a choir member there as well. Denny was a proud member of the UAW. He served as a board member of the Cultural Center of Henry County, where he worked hard readying his Alma mater to serve area residents in the future. Denny loved the outdoors, spending many hours hunting and trapping and hosting bonfire get-togethers. Another fierce love of Denny's was The Ohio State football team. Denny possessed a keen understanding of everything mechanical, working on engines and designing and building a large 40'

sawmill, among hundreds of his projects. Denny spent many hours doing tree trimming and powerwashing. One shortfall in all Denny's lifetime pursuits was a profound lack of concern for his own personal safety, as a shortage of digits demonstrate.

He is survived by his mother, Jean; wife, Mary; children, Amy Grooms, Kristin (Jenny Arthur) Westhoven, Kim (Rusty) Moore, Kyle Westhoven, and Garrett Figy. He is also survived by step-children, Stephanie Smith and Kari (Shawn) Shortridge; 9 grandchildren; 10 step grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; 9 step great grandchildren; and siblings, Gary Westhoven, Lindsay (Nanci) Westhoven, Julie Schwiebert, Pamela (John) Riedeman, Douglas Westhoven, and Timothy (Kathy) Westhoven. He was preceded in death by his father, James; step daughter, Amy Schnitkey; sister-in-law, Jayne Westhoven; brother-in-law, Stephen Schwiebert, and nephews, Kevin Schwiebert and Scott Riedeman.

A mass of Christian burial will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, August 23rd, 2024 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, Napoleon. Interment will follow at the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, where the Rosary Prayer service will take place at 7:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to be directed to St. Augustine Catholic Church, St. Vincent de Paul Society, or OSU Wexler Medical Center.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.rodenbergergray.com

Cemetery Details

St. Augustine's Cemetery

St. Rt. 108
Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **22**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Rosary

AUG **22**. 7:30 PM (ET)

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

Mass

AUG **23**. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Augustine Catholic Church
726 Monroe St.
NAPOLEON, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

LS

“ Laura & Stefanie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Westhoven.

Laura & Stefanie - August 22, 2024 at 03:41 PM

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“ Laura & Stefanie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dennis Westhoven.



Laura & Stefanie - August 22, 2024 at 03:41 PM

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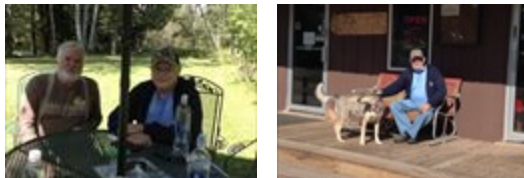
“ Alan Eickholt lit a candle in memory of Dennis Westhoven



Alan Eickholt - August 22, 2024 at 08:34 AM

GA

“ 2 files added to the album Denny's pictures



Gary - August 21, 2024 at 10:18 PM

DB

“ Dennis was a great person. i loved to text him he was always in a great mood. DAVE&carolyn Bost, palmetto fl.

dave bost - August 21, 2024 at 06:03 PM

RM

“ Condolences to all the family.



Ronald McGhee and Janet McGhee - August 21, 2024 at 04:43 PM

JS

“ We are so very sorry for Denny’s passing. May God bring you peace, understanding, and strength at this difficult time.
Sincerely, Jan and John Stover

Jan stover - August 21, 2024 at 04:19 PM

TC

“ The Cultural Center of Henry County planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Westhoven.

The Cultural Center of Henry County - August 21, 2024 at 02:44 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis Westhoven.



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“ *Trish and Carey purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dennis Westhoven.*



Trish and Carey - August 21, 2024 at 11:23 AM



“ *Denny was warm and kind. His creativity was demonstrated with his work and hobbies. Denny was courageous with his loving wife Mary at his side. He will be missed.*

Beth Meek - August 20, 2024 at 10:27 PM

GS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to Mary, and Denny's children. Denny was a dear friend for many years.*

Glenn and Jayna Small

Glenn and Jayna Small - August 20, 2024 at 07:49 PM