



Donald Herge

September 24, 1942 - April 8, 2023

Donald R. Herge, 80, of Defiance, Ohio died April 8, 2023 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Toledo, Ohio. He was born September 24, 1942 in Napoleon, Ohio to the late Lawrence and Lorena (Aschemeier) Herge. On March 11, 1963, he married Charlene Punches in Coldwater, Michigan.

Don worked for over 27 years at General Motors Foundry, Defiance, Ohio. In 1989, he started Water Hawg, Inc, where he developed a system for pond aeration, which he operated until he sold the design in 2000.

Don was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon and a former member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Sherwood, Ohio. He was a member of the Local UAW, Defiance AMVETS, and former member of the Defiance Moose Lodge. He served in the United States Army from 1961-1967.

Don is survived by his wife, Charlene; children, Michael (Jessica) Herge and Julie (Roger) Smith; grandchildren, Chelsie, Breanna, Trenton, Domanic, Andrew, Andrea, and Amanda; 5 great grandchildren; and a brother, Lawrence Herge, Jr. He was also preceded in death a sister, Ruth Apt; and a sister-in-law, Lois Herge.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 13th, 2023 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon, Ohio. The service will also be streamed at www.stpaulnapoleon.org. Interment will follow at St. Peter Lutheran Cemetery, Ridgeville Corners, Ohio, where military honors will be accorded.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon and Thursday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Shriners Hospital for Children, or a charity of the donor's choice.

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

Cemetery Details

St. Peter Lutheran Cemetery

CO RD X
Ridgeville Corners, OH 43555

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album tribute video



Rodenberger Funeral Home - November 03, 2023 at 03:18 PM

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“ From the frozen tundra of Korea to fields and forests of war-torn Europe to the jungles of Southeast Asia, from the deserts of Kuwait and Iraq to the mountains of Afghanistan, brave patriots have protected our nation’s ideals, rescued millions from tyranny, and helped spread freedom around the globe. America’s veterans answered the call when asked to protect our nation from some of the most brutal oppression the world has ever known. Military service demands a special kind of sacrifice. The places where you are sent to live and serve bring risk every day. From the time you put on that uniform for the first time, the interests of the nation move to the forefront and define your life. Those duties are shared by family members who make many sacrifices of their own, sometimes bearing the burden of losing a loved one. Service brings rewards as well. There is the pride in developing one’s own character, serving a cause far greater than self-interest. Every person who wears America’s uniform is part of a long, unbroken line of achievement and honor. No single military power in history has done greater good, shown greater courage, liberated more people or upheld higher standards of decency and valor than the Armed Forces of the United States of America. That is a legacy to be proud of and those who contributed to it must never be taken for granted. To honor our veterans, we must keep the promises we have made to them. We must care for those who have been injured in the service of our country. We must honor and remember those who have died. And we must remember those whose fate is still undetermined. We fly the Prisoner of War flag on Veterans Day for a reason, to show that this nation will not relent until we have accounted for every one of our missing Americans. Thank you for your service. Thank you for all that you have sacrificed for this great nation. Thank you for being the backbone of America.

BG (Retired) Mark W. Lee, USA

BG (R) Dr. Mark W. Lee - April 11, 2023 at 05:12 PM

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“ *Five Span Marina, The Edgar Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Herge.*



Five Span Marina, The Edgar Family - April 11, 2023 at 12:07 PM

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“ *Alan Eickholt lit a candle in memory of Donald Herge*



Alan Eickholt - April 11, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Herge.*



April 10, 2023 at 04:27 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Herge.*



April 10, 2023 at 11:10 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donald Herge.*



April 09, 2023 at 10:53 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Herge.*



April 08, 2023 at 10:29 PM