



Donald F. Lange Jr.

September 2, 1944 - October 15, 2020

Donald F. Lange, Jr. 76, of Archbold, Ohio passed away Thursday, October 15th, 2020. He was born September 2, 1944 in Napoleon, Ohio to the late Donald F. and Maria (Koster) Lange. On April 19, 1974, he married Betty (Rohrs) Lange at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Corners, Ohio.

Don worked at GM Powertrain, Defiance for 44 years and retired on August 1, 2002. He previously worked for Henry Damman, Neuhauser Hatchery, Miller Bros. Construction, and the Ohio SEW Shop.

Don served in the US Army from 1966-1969. He was an active member of St. Peter Lutheran Church, member of Ridgeville American Legion Post 454, former little league coach in Ridgeville Corners, coordinated meals for Ridgeville Lunch Bunch and former 25-year member of Archbold Lions Club.

Don loved candy bars, cookies, country music and polka music! He was a member of Buckeye Polka Band for 10 years, Don and Betty's Polka Band for 3 years and a member of Ohio Polka boosters. He and Betty taught polka dancing at Northwest State Community College for 6 years. He also loved spending time with his grandkids and driving them to and from all their activities.

Don is survived by his wife, Betty; children, Lisa (Steve) Wurster of Defiance,

Ted (Mollie) Lange, Sarah (Pete) Meyers, and Emily (Jared) Stamm, all of Ridgeville Corners; grandchildren, Jayde, Jordan, Chelsea, Scott, Alyssa, Alli, Dennis, Logan, Bryce, Graceyn, Garrett, Grady, and Griffin; 10 great grandchildren; and siblings, Cynthia (Kenneth) Drewes, Sandy (Dan) Rathge, and Jon (Kim) Lange.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, October 21st at 11 a.m. at St. Peter Lutheran Church. Interment will follow at St. Peter Lutheran Church, where military honors will be accorded by Ridgeville American Legion.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 3-7 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Peter Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Corners.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter Lutheran Cemetery

CO RD X
Ridgeville Corners, OH 43555

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT **20**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Napoleon Funeral Home
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545
(419) 592-2333
help@rodenbergergray.com

Public Viewing

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Lutheran Church
20-191 US Highway 6
Ridgeville Corners, OH 43555

Service

OCT **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JG

“ *It was my good fortune to have known Don through grade school, high school and confirmation classes. We shall meet, but we shall miss him.* ”

Jim Guelde - October 22, 2020 at 09:58 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Tribute Video* ”



Rodenberger Funeral Home - October 19, 2020 at 05:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald F. Lange Jr..* ”



October 19, 2020 at 03:00 PM

YP

“ *Your friends & coworkers - Johns Manville, Penbryn purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donald F. Lange Jr..* ”



Your friends & coworkers - Johns Manville, Penbryn -
October 19, 2020 at 11:17 AM

DL

“ So sorry for your loss- your family is in my thoughts and prayers!

Dorothy Lambert - October 19, 2020 at 10:16 AM

MW

“ Betty and Ted,

So sorry to hear about Don. I will always remember his smiling face at so many dances over the the past 40 years. I remember watching him play drums at many festivals when I was young, and thinking to myself "man I want to do that." He sure loved music, and we will all miss him.

- Mike and D'Ann Weaver

Michael Weaver - October 18, 2020 at 10:10 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Donald F. Lange Jr..



October 18, 2020 at 05:09 PM

GW

“ Condolences to all Don's family and siblings. Wonderful memories from Hamler High School. So sorry for your loss.



Gary & Lila Wernecke - October 18, 2020 at 12:54 PM

JP

“ I so enjoyed anytime I got to talk with Don about anything. He was interesting and interested. Please take care of each other and know that our community, and me, benefitted from knowing him.

John Poulson

John Poulson - October 18, 2020 at 11:49 AM

LM

“ Love Mark and Carol Montag purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donald F. Lange Jr..



Love Mark and Carol Montag - October 18, 2020 at 11:04 AM

KS

“ My deepest condolences to Betty and all the Lange family. I have many vivid memories of my connection with the family. I worked side by side with his Mom, Maria when I was a kid at Dad's woodworking business.

Ken Schwiebert - October 18, 2020 at 10:23 AM

DS

“ To the family of Donald Lange Jr .
Although we did not know Donald personally we heard a lot about him and the family from our mutual friend Peanuts.
May it help you to know that others share your sorrow
Linus & Donna Schoepp
Cross Plains Wisconsin

Donna Schoepp - October 18, 2020 at 10:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald F. Lange Jr..*



October 18, 2020 at 09:03 AM



“ *Alan Eickholt lit a candle in memory of Donald F. Lange Jr.*



Alan Eickholt - October 17, 2020 at 12:36 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald F. Lange Jr..*



October 17, 2020 at 10:02 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald F. Lange Jr..*




October 16, 2020 at 09:27 PM

DF

“ Mollie and Ted - we are deeply sorry for your loss. I'm sure he loved being on your show recently and I am glad we got to see and hear him and Betty. They seem like wonderful parents. Praying for comfort and strength during this difficult time for all of you. GOD bless!

Diane and Mike Fields - October 16, 2020 at 08:53 PM

 Diann Rowe

“ My thoughts and prayers to Betty and family during this time. May you find comfort through our Heavenly Father.

Diann Rowe - October 16, 2020 at 08:27 PM

KL

“ Prayers for the whole family. You are in our thoughts during this time,



Kathy & Steve Lieb - October 16, 2020 at 07:31 PM

RJ

“ Ron And Sue Johnston lit a candle in memory of Donald F. Lange Jr.



Ron and Sue Johnston - October 16, 2020 at 07:26 PM

PB

“ *What a shock! Betty and family, our sincere condolences. We always loved your music. So glad Ted and Molly are carrying it on. Hugs and prayers! Pat and Josef*

Pat Bilow - October 16, 2020 at 07:22 PM

MB

“ *Mr Peanuts-Monica Schommer - Lisa Breunig purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donald F. Lange Jr..*



Mr Peanuts-Monica Schommer - Lisa Breunig - October 16, 2020 at 06:07 PM

TD

“ *The Lamprecht's, Kynli, Shyanne and Daegyn purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donald F. Lange Jr..*



The Lamprecht's, Kynli, Shyanne and Daegyn - October 16, 2020 at 06:02 PM

KA

“ I'm glad we (Mary, Pam, Mark and I) took the opportunity to visit Don and Betty on Tuesday afternoon! We had a wonderful visit! We chatted and reminisced about many things Polka, and not so Polka :-). This news was a shocker. Our hearts and prayers go out to the Lange family...This includes our deepest sympathies and condolences...I will always remember Don Lange as a very nice, down-to-earth person who would always engage in interesting conversation...He will be highly missed in the Polka and non-Polka communities! Please stay strong and hang in there! God Bless you all!!
With kind regards,



Your Friend,
~Ken

Ken Anderson - October 16, 2020 at 05:28 PM

KP

“ Memories of good conversation in Frankenmuth, Sympathy to the family from Ken and Dorothy Platt

Kenneth Platt - October 16, 2020 at 04:38 PM



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October 16, 2020 at 04:28 PM