



## Dorence O. Schliesser

September 17, 1920 - January 12, 2015

Dorence O. Schliesser, 94, of Defiance died Monday, January 12, 2015 at Fulton County Health Center. He was born September 17, 1920 in Adams Township, Defiance, Ohio to the late George and Annette (Nagel) Schliesser. He married Rita Elchinger on June 18, 1955 at St. Michael's Catholic Church and she preceded him in death on April 22, 2011.

Dorence attended Ridgeville school. He was a lifetime livestock and grain farmer. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Defiance, Ohio, he rang the church bell till he was 93 years old, and also held various church offices. He was a former Northeastern local school board member, lifetime Tinora athletic booster, helped run the Tinora football chain-gang for 35 years, former Adams Township zoning board member, former farm service agency committee men member, former member of the Henry County Antique Tractor club, and in 2013 was inducted into the Defiance County Agricultural Hall of Fame. In his younger years, he played baseball for the St. Mike's baseball team. He enjoyed watching kids and his grandkids playing sports and was a huge Tinora Rams fan and was also a big Chicago Cubs fan. He enjoyed watching the crops grow, checking up on the boys, and taking the dogs for a truck ride.

He is survived by his sons, Randy (Sheri) and Jack (Sharon) Schliesser; daughter, Sally Schliesser; 3 grandchildren; sister, Lucile Erbskorn; brother, George Schliesser, Jr., all of Defiance. He was preceded in death by sisters, Lois Weisenburger, Helen Goodwin.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 16, 2015 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Defiance with Pastor Robbie Ketcham officiating. Interment will follow at the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are suggested to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Defiance, St. Michael's Catholic Church, or donor's choice.

Online condolences may be made at [www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mark's Lutheran Cemetery

25950 Nagel Rd.  
Defiance, OH 43512

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 15. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

JAN 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark Lutheran Church  
25950 Nagel Road  
Defiance, OH 43512

## Service

JAN 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark Lutheran Church  
25950 Nagel Road  
Defiance, OH 43512



# Tribute Wall

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“ We remember Dorence fondly, and will miss him at St Marks & at Jewell Grain. Our lives have been blessed by knowing him. Unfortunately we are in New York & will miss the services. Sending you all our prayers. Tom & Marilyn Meek

Tom & Marilyn Meek - January 15, 2015 at 08:22 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dorence O. Schliesser.



January 14, 2015 at 06:07 PM

BB

“ Jack and Sharon, my condolences for the loss of your father. I know there are never any words to make this time easier but, my prayers and good thoughts are with you. Barb Beebe

Barb Beebe - January 14, 2015 at 05:41 PM

DI

“ Dornie was such a delight to talk with and always had a smile on his face. I will miss seeing him come into work. Prayers for the entire Schliesser family. Diana Lange

Diana - January 14, 2015 at 02:47 PM



“ *Godiva Biscuit Gift Box (32 pc) was purchased for the family of Dorence O. Schliesser.*



January 13, 2015 at 08:54 PM



“ *Please accept our most sincere sympathy for your loss. What a nice man and I am so glad we got to visit last year! You are in our thoughts. Elaine Delbecq and Family*

**Elaine Delbecq** - January 13, 2015 at 08:45 PM



“ *Love...from, our house to yours...Mike and Tina Geno purchased the Day's End Memorial Framed Art for the family of Dorence O. Schliesser.*



**Love...from, our house to yours...Mike and Tina Geno** -  
January 13, 2015 at 02:32 PM



“ *Please accept my condolences on your loss. I went to Tinora school and fondly remember seeing Dorence interact with everyone. Even though I didn't see him often it always seemed he remembered who I was. He was a true Ram Fan!! Kathy (Wiechers) Lieb, Hamler, OH*



**Kathy Lieb** - January 13, 2015 at 12:35 PM

JO

“ I knew Dorence for many years, I am sorry to learn of his passing.  
He was a good man of high character, hardworking, kind and wise.  
My condolences go out to his family.  
Joel Obrecht- Bowling Green, Ohio

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**Joel Obrecht** - January 13, 2015 at 11:48 AM