



## Douglas Bitzinger

February 17, 1950 - March 27, 2020

Douglas Bitzinger, 70, of Napoleon, Ohio died Friday, March 27th, 2020 at Swanton Valley Care Center. He was born February 17, 1950 in Fort Wayne, Indiana to the late Paul and Laura (Rosebrock) Bitzinger. On May 2, 1992, he married Alice (Richard) Bitzinger at Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Ohio.

Doug was a 1968 graduate of Liberty Center High School. He served in the United Air Force from 1969 – 1971. He worked as a fork truck driver at Campbell Soup Company and he worked at the Napoleon plant for over 44 years. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon and former member of St. Paul Lutheran, Liberty Center. In Liberty Center he was a member of the Stewardship Committee, active in the Lutheran Layman's League and played dart ball. He was a member of the Napoleon American Legion and Liberty Center VFW.

He is survived by his wife, Alice; daughter, Carol (Derek Ithen) Bitzinger of Columbus; son, Christopher Bitzinger of Napoleon; siblings, Christine (Barry) Aab of Wapakoneta, Ohio, Robin (Vicki) Bitzinger of Omaha, Nebraska, Marlene (Chet) Blair of Holland, Ohio, as well as, a multitude of nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Michael Bitzinger.

Due to the current health concerns funeral services will be private. Please visit <https://www.stpaulnapoleon.org/> and scroll down to Live Stream at 1 p.m. on

Thursday, April 2nd to view the service remotely. Interment will be held at Richfield Twp. Cemetery where military honors will be accorded by the Napoleon Joint Veteran Posts.

In lieu of flowers and gifts, memorials are suggested to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon or a charity of the donor's choice and can be mailed to Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home 1010 Westmoreland Ave. Napoleon, Ohio 43545.

# Cemetery Details

## **Richfield Township Cemetery**

Westhope, OH

# Tribute Wall

BC

“ Alice and extended families.  
Please accept our heartfelt condolences in the passing of Douglas.  
This virus stops everything from going on as it used to, so we can't  
come down. Please know that we all pray for you and wish you  
God's comfort at this time. We never got to see you except at times  
like this for funerals. Thanks to Your Uncle Rudy for sending the obit  
notification of Doug to me here in Michigan. God Bless and Comfort  
you all. He will spend Easter and forever with Jesus.  
Cousin, Barbara Rabe Curtindale

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**Barbara Curtindale** - April 06, 2020 at 04:36 PM

DC

“ Wishing that your cousins could circle around you during this time.  
Please know that we are ALL here for you Alice, Carol and  
Christopher.

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**Dawn R Carter** - April 01, 2020 at 09:01 AM

DC

“ Dawn R Carter lit a candle in memory of  
Douglas Bitzinger



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**Dawn R Carter** - April 01, 2020 at 08:58 AM

DO

“ Alice my prayers are with you at this time. I always enjoyed our talks  
at Genacross  
Deb Oswald

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**Deb Oswald** - March 31, 2020 at 09:34 PM

KW

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Doug was a loving father and husband. My deepest condolences*

Kathy Whitney - March 29, 2020 at 01:52 PM

 Pam Fauver

“ *My prayers are with you in this difficult time. I had the pleasure of meeting and working with Doug in the warehouse at Campbell's. He was typically in good spirits and treated Everyone as a friend. He will be missed greatly.*

Pam Fauver - March 29, 2020 at 11:58 AM

BO

“ *Doug and I had many talks. Enjoy them all. Will miss you my friend.*

Bonnie - March 29, 2020 at 09:55 AM

VD

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the Bitzinger and Richard families. He will be missed. I will always remember his witty humor and hearty laugh that never ceased even on a day that was not going real good for him. Rest in peace Doug! Viv Dominique*

Vivian Dominique - March 29, 2020 at 12:25 AM

KZ

“ *MY Sympathy to the family, I remember (cousin Doug) from childhood, and family events, I hope everyone can find comfort in knowing he is with the Lord and his parents, and brother...MY prayers and thoughts are with you all. Kathye (Reynolds) Zaper*

Kathye R Zaper - March 28, 2020 at 10:13 PM

LD

“ Hi Alice,I had met you and your husband once at big boy in Napoleon,was nice to talk to you both, sympathy to you and your family,hugs

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**Linda degroff** - March 28, 2020 at 10:06 PM

LG

“ Alice and Family, you have our deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. He always had a wise word to say to me when we were together. May God Bless.

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**LeVerne and Carol Gerken** - March 28, 2020 at 07:59 PM