



Eldor F. Sonnenberg

August 16, 1916 - October 29, 2015

Eldor F. Sonnenberg, 99, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 29, 2015 surrounded by his family at the Napoleon Lutheran Home. He was born on August 16, 1916 in Henry County to the late Charles F. and Wilhelmina (Badenhop) Sonnenberg. On December 25, 1940 he married Lorena O. Vorwerk who preceded him in death on August 1, 2000. Eldor was a lifelong dairy farmer in Freedom Township. Following his retirement he was still often found helping on the farm. He spent many hours refinishing antique furniture and enjoying his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He previously served on the Freedom Township Zoning Board and Dairy Board of Henry County. He and Lorena also spent time volunteering at the Lutheran Home in Napoleon. He was baptized on September 3, 1916 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Napoleon Township where he was a lifelong and the oldest member of the church. He served in various positions on church council and taught Sunday School.

He is survived by his five children, Norbert (Linda) Sonnenberg, Archbold, Marlene (Jerry) Lighthill, Wauseon, Leonard (Lana) Sonnenberg, Ronald (Sandy) Sonnenberg, and Kevin (Kathy) Sonnenberg, all of Napoleon; 11 grandchildren; 2 step grandsons; 17 great grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Elnora Vorwerk.

He was preceded in death by an infant son; 2 brothers, Emil, who died in infancy, and Raymond; 2 sisters, Emma (Carl) Gebers and Olga (Elmer) Bockelman; 1 great grandson, Noah Yaw and daughter-in-law, Brenda

Sonnenberg.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, November 2 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Napoleon Township with Pastor Carl Bengtson and Pastor Lee Genter officiating Interment to follow at church cemetery.

Visitation will be held at 2 -8 p.m. on Sunday at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon and one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are suggested to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township, The Luther Home of Mercy, Williston, Ohio, or the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon Twp.

16976 County Road Q1
Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

NOV 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon Twp.
16976 County Road Q1
Napoleon, OH 43545

Service

NOV 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DK

“ *Uncle Eldor was such a sweet man. Always friendly with a smile. I remember many times playing at your house when we were growing up. I know he is now in heaven with your Mom and his brothers, sisters, and parents. He was an example of a godly man. Sorry for your loss-he will be missed. Darlene and Ken Kane*

Darlene Kane - November 02, 2015 at 08:53 AM

EW

“ *Eldor was my dad's cousin. He always friendly and had a smile. He will be missed by his family. Take care.*

Elaine and George Wells

Elaine Wells - November 01, 2015 at 09:14 AM

PB

“ *Pamela Bruns lit a candle in memory of Eldor F. Sonnenberg*



Pamela Bruns - October 31, 2015 at 08:39 PM

CD

“ *Praying for you all as you now have to say a temporary goodbye to your dad and grandpa. We will always remember Eldor as such a friendly man with a smile on his face! May the promise of a joyful reunion in heaven give you great hope and peace at this sad time. Hugs! Carey and Sharon Damman*

Carey and Sharon Damman - October 31, 2015 at 02:42 PM