



## Elling William

January 6, 2013

William "Bill" Elling, 82, of Napoleon, Ohio died peacefully surrounded by his loving family after a courageous battle with cancer on Sunday, January 6th, 2013 at his residence. He was born on September 3rd, 1930 in Napoleon Township to the late Fred F. and Henrietta (Plassman) Elling. On December 6, 1953 he married Lorna (Meienburg) Elling at St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township. Bill started his career path as a plumber in 1947, working for Merle Franz Plumbing and Heating and Standard Plumbing. In 1965, he started Bill's Plumbing and Heating and retired in 1993. Bill was a faithful member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon, where he served as a former trustee. He was also a member of American Legion Post #300, VFW Post #8218, and AMVETS Post #1313, all of Napoleon. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. Bill loved his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He also loved camping, boating, fishing, and polka dancing. He is survived by his wife, Lorna, children, Randall (Debra) Elling, Debra (Richard) Riebesel, Kevin (Linda) Elling, and Cheryl (Kevin) Kent, grandchildren, Stacy (Ross) Gerken, Justin (Sara) Riebesel, Jeremy Riebesel, Brian (Catherine) Elling, Kelsey Elling, Ryan Kent, and Taylor Kent, and great grandchildren, Ava Elling and Austin Gerken, sisters, Margeruite Meyer and Carolyn (Roger) Bunke, and sister-in-law, Melba Elling. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Joshua Elling, and brother, Earl Elling. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 10, 2013 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon. Entombment will follow at Riverview Memory Gardens,

Defiance, where military honors will be accorded by the Napoleon Joint Veteran Posts. Visitation will be held from 2-8 p.m. on Wednesday at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon and 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at the church. The family suggest memorials be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church or Hospice of Henry County. Online condolences may be made at [www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ So sorry for the loss of your father condolences to you and your family##imported-begin##Flossie Leu##imported-end##

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“ We are so sorry to hear of your fathers passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Ruth Brian Bomer##imported-end##

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“ Dear Sweet Lorna and Elling families,As much as your husband, brother, father, grandfather, great-grandfather loved each and every one of you, you know he will remain with you always. And since Bill loved his family so very much, we believe that through the power of the Holy Spirit, you will see that love continue for you forever...in each of your own special ways, just as each of you are special. May seeing Bill's continued love help you to trust that your Heavenly Father loves you that much more and has granted Bill peace beyond our measurements. We can not imagine how much you each will miss him, especially you Lorna loosing your soul-mate, because he had such a great smiling nature. We will truly miss Bill and know that Bill will be truly missed by many, many more than just us. Thank you Father God for the times that Bill shared with us...what a blessing to receive. Father God, may you grant Bill's soul and all the soul's of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.##imported-begin##The Sarrazin's##imported-end##

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“ To the Elling family and relatives/friends, My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of need, Be strong as this is Gods plan to relieve Bills suffering, You will be reunited again in bliss and glory, take care and hoping the pain of your loss recedes as you cherish the memories he left with you, good luck from Dewey###imported-begin###Deweydusk###imported-end###

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.###imported-begin###Rick & Sue Moser###imported-end###

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