



## Elmer W. Badenhop

October 17, 1932 - December 10, 2020

Elmer W. Badenhop, 88, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away on December 10, 2020. He was born on October 17, 1932 in Napoleon to Henry and Mathilda (Meyer) Badenhop. He married Joan Cordes on October 26, 1952 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township. Elmer proudly served his country in the US Army during the Korean War.

Elmer was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township where he was baptized on November 6, 1932 and confirmed on April 14, 1946. He was also was a lifelong farmer and managed the Zehr Company that later became Gerald Ag Center. He also owned and operated a sign business with Joan and later enjoyed driving veterans to their appointments with the Henry County Transportation Network. Elmer spent many hours watching his children's ball games and later his grandchildren's activities. He loved the Browns and Indians and had a special way of critiquing them.

Elmer is survived by his sons, Neil (Anita) Badenhop, Glenn Badenhop, Tim (Christine) Badenhop and Gary (Donna) Badenhop; grandchildren, Joe, Megan, Clay, Andrea, Greg, Logan, Lydia, Noah, and Hannah; 11 great grandchildren and one on the way; brother, Dalynn (Sharon) Badenhop and sisters-in-law, Clare Badenhop and Hildegard Cordes. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 54 years, Joan; brothers, Orville, Elden, and James; and sister, Evelyn Meister.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Sunday, December 13, 2020 from 3:00 PM until 7:00. Funeral services will be held on Monday, December 14, 2020 at St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Interment will be at the church cemetery with military honors. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Lutheran Church Building Fund or the Henry County Transportation Network for Veteran Services. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com)

Due to the current health conditions surrounding COVID-19, masks will be required to attend services or visitation in accordance with the State. Please also respect social distancing and make use of the website to contact the family if you are not feeling well.

# Cemetery Details

## St. John Lutheran Freedom Township Cemetery

16035 Co Rd U  
Napoleon, OH 43545

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

DEC 13. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Public Viewing

DEC 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township  
16035 County Road U  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## Funeral Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township  
16035 County Road U  
Napoleon, OH 43545



# Tribute Wall



“ *This link will take you to St. John's YouTube Channel where Elmer's funeral services will be livestreamed on December 14, 2020 at 11:00 AM*



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**Rodenberger Funeral Home** - December 13, 2020 at 11:39 AM

BB

“ *Neil, Glenn, Tim, Gary and Families,  
You are in our thoughts and Prayers. We will miss Elmer, he was a wonderful man. We look forward to being reunited with Elmer, and all the Saints, in Heaven.  
You have our sympathy, Brian & Lori Bickel*

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**Brian Bickel** - December 14, 2020 at 07:03 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Tribute Video*



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**Rodenberger Funeral Home** - December 13, 2020 at 02:42 PM

PB

“ *Niel, Glenn, Tim and Gary: Praying for your strength and peace as you go this transition of loss and memories. Uncle Elmer seemed to be everywhere and he loved to talk and find a way to bless people when possible. He made an impression on us and we enjoyed being around him. We are sure your memories will be a blessing to you as you think back about him in the coming days, weeks and years ahead.*

*Phil & Nancy Badenhop*

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**Phil Badenhop** - December 13, 2020 at 01:08 PM

KS

“ *Neil, Glenn, Tim, Gary & families, Sorry for your loss. He was a joy to be around and will be missed. You have my sympathy. Karen Sonnenberg*

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**Karen Sonnenberg** - December 13, 2020 at 10:41 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Elmer W. Badenhop.*



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December 13, 2020 at 10:21 AM

CB

“ *Tim, Chris and family,*

*Sandy and I send our condolences and prayers to you and your family.*

*Charlie Beard*

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**Charlie Beard** - December 13, 2020 at 06:30 AM

JC

“ *Elmer was such a caring man. He drove my late husband for 2 yrs to U of M Medical Center when I was not able. My husband enjoyed those trips with Elmer and all he brought Elmer was the Ginger Ale he loved. Will never forget his help and kindness!!God has transported him to Heaven*

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**Judi cotter** - December 12, 2020 at 04:14 PM

VG

“ *Always enjoyed our conversations with Elmer and Joan. And remembering the Badenhop reunions as kids / all our parents taught us all how important family is. Memories will make you smile. Christmas in Heaven is the best present ever. God's blessings to all of you* ❤️

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**Vicki Glick** - December 12, 2020 at 09:10 AM