



Elmer F. Riefers

February 21, 1939 - January 8, 2017

Elmer F. Riefers, 77, of Napoleon, Ohio died unexpectedly on Sunday, January 8, 2017. He was born February 21, 1939 in Freedom Twp. to the late Ferdinand H. and Hilda M. (Biederstedt) Riefers. On May 7, 1960, he married Linda Kryder at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon, Ohio.

Elmer attended St. John Lutheran Elementary school and graduated from Ridgeville High School in 1957. He began farming with his father after he graduated high school and also worked at Campbell Soup Company, Napoleon and then Dresser Tools, Defiance. He finally was able to follow his true passion and became a full-time farmer in 1975. He also worked part-time for Behrman Burial Vaults, Ridgeville Corners. He was a Freedom Twp. Trustee and served on the ASCS Board.

Elmer was a lifelong member of St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Twp., where he served as a former deacon and trustee. He was also a member of 4-H, FFA, and the Ohio Farmers Union. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Linda, children, Robert (Karen) Riefers of Napoleon, Kathryn (Ed) Gobrogge of McClure, and Thomas Riefers of Napoleon, grandchildren, Eric (Kayleigh) Riefers, Kevin Riefers, Lee (Traci) Gobrogge, Amy (Ryan) Williams, Brandon Riefers, and Alexis Riefers. Great grandchildren, Brice Baumert, Raiden and Belyn Riefers, a sister, Marilyn Meyer and step father-in-law, Arnold Miller. He was preceded in death by an infant son, John Riefers, a brother, Walter Riefers and sister, Arlene Riefers.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017, 1 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Twp. with burial following at the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 3-8 p.m. at the Rodenberger Funeral Home 1010 Westmoreland Ave., Napoleon Ohio and Thursday at the church for one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are suggested to St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Twp. or a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. John Lutheran Freedom Township Cemetery

16035 Co Rd U
Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

JAN 12. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JAN 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DR

“ Linda,

Thinking of during this time of loss. Diann Rowe

Diann Rowe - January 15, 2017 at 07:07 AM

MF

“ Linda sorry for your loss my prayers are with you and your family. Marsha and Steve Fritz (went on trip to New England states)



Marsha Fritz - January 13, 2017 at 08:26 AM

LS

“ Linda Sorry For Your Loss Our Prayers Are With You And Your Family. Louis & Joanne Smith



Louis Smith - January 12, 2017 at 02:11 PM

EB

“ My love and thoughts are with you at this time. May God bless you all. ej

E J Brown - January 11, 2017 at 08:57 AM

KE

“ *My deepest sympathy for your loss. May you take peace that Elmer is now resting with our Lord. - Dave and Kelly Copeland*

Kelly - January 10, 2017 at 04:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elmer F. Riefers.*



January 10, 2017 at 01:18 PM

MG

“ *May I offer my sincere condolence . May your heart find comfort in .God ' word were it states He will swallow up death forever and the Lord will wipe the tears from all faces Isa 25:8 May your loved one awake to a world were there will be peace, No sickness and no more trouble Rev 21:4 (psalm 37:29) may you find confirm and hope in God.*

Miss glenda - January 09, 2017 at 08:44 PM

GR

“ *Elmer will be missed. He served God, his country, and the community well. It was always a pleasure to work with him at Behrmann. May God grant you all peace. Gary & Gwen Richard*

Gary Richard - January 08, 2017 at 07:30 PM