



## Eugene J. Detmer

September 7, 1938 - June 4, 2026

Eugene Julius Detmer, 87, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away on Thursday, June 4, 2026. He was born in Napoleon on September 7, 1938, to the late Willis and Miriam (Rohrbaugh) Detmer. On June 27, 1964, Gene married Carol Ann Stevens in Napoleon.

Gene proudly served his county in the US Army and was a member of the American Legion. He was also a member of First Presbyterian Church, where he served as deacon and elder. Gene made his career in car sales, having a dealership in Edgerton and Napoleon. He later worked for Synder's before retiring with Hornish Trucking. Gene liked fishing and golfing in his spare time. He enjoyed camping and traveling, especially trips with the grandchildren.

Gene is survived by his wife of almost 62 years, Carol; children, Shelley (Christopher) Detmer-Bogaert, Kristina (Stuart) Taft, and Chad Detmer; grandchildren, Breanna Bogaert, Riley Jusino, Hannah Bogaert, and Sophia Josino; sister, Donna (Nate) Wilondek; and sisters-in-law, Karen Detmer and Sandy Detmer-Wallen. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Edward Detmer and Brice Detmer.

Friends and family will be received at the First Presbyterian Church, Napoleon, on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, from 11:30 AM until the time of services at 1:00 PM. Interment will follow at Forest Hill Cemetery, Napoleon. Memorial

contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Elara Caring Hospice or First Presbyterian Church. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Hill Cemetery

500 E. Maumee Ave  
Napoleon, OH 43545

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUN 9. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
303 West Washington Street  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## Funeral Service

JUN 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Tracey, Kelsey, Emily, Laura and Vanessa purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Eugene J. Detmer.



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**Tracey, Kelsey, Emily, Laura and Vanessa** - June 07 at 03:42 PM

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“ Donnie&Nate, Kim&Steve, Brice&Stacey purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Eugene J. Detmer.



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**Donnie&Nate, Kim&Steve, Brice&Stacey** - June 07 at 11:41 AM

“ From the fields, forests, plains of Africa and war-torn Europe, to the frozen tundra of Korea, to the jungles of Southeast Asia, from the deserts of Kuwait and Iraq to the mountains of Afghanistan, brave patriots have protected our nation’s ideals, rescued millions from tyranny, and helped spread freedom around the globe. America’s veterans answered the call when asked to protect our nation from some of the most brutal oppression the world has ever known. Military service demands a special kind of sacrifice. The places where you are sent to live and serve bring risk every day. From the time you put on that uniform for the first time, the interests of the nation move to the forefront and define your life. Those duties are shared by family members who make many sacrifices of their own, sometimes bearing the burden of losing a loved one. Service brings rewards as well. There is pride in developing one’s own character, serving a cause far greater than self-interest. Every person who wears America’s uniform is part of a long, unbroken line of achievement and honor. No single military power in history has done greater good, shown greater courage, liberated more people or upheld higher standards of decency and valor than the Armed Forces of the United States of America. That is a legacy to be proud of and those who contributed to it must never be taken for granted. To honor our veterans, we must keep the promises we have made to them. We must care for those who have been injured in the service of our country. We must honor and remember those who have died. And we must remember those whose fate is still undetermined. We fly the Prisoner of War flag on Veterans Day for a reason, to show that this nation will not relent until we have accounted for every one of our missing Americans. Thank you for your service. Thank you for all that you have sacrificed for this great nation. Thank you for being the backbone of America.

*Major General Mark W. Lee, United States Army*