



## Eugene "Gene" Wendt

January 18, 1943 - June 7, 2023

Eugene "Gene" J. Wendt, 80, of Ridgeville Corners, Ohio died Wednesday, June 7th, 2023 at the Toledo Hospital. He was born January 18th, 1943 in Napoleon, Ohio to the late Harold and Margaret (Arps) Wendt. On Oct. 24, 1964 he married Dian M. Norden at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Corners, Ohio.

Gene was a graduate of Ridgeville Corners High School. He served in the United States Army and was honorably discharged in 1969.

Gene was a lifelong farmer. He was a faithful member of St. John Lutheran Church, Stryker, where he was a former Treasurer, Deacon, Trustee, and Youth leader. He enjoyed spending time at Long lake, fishing, hunting, playing pool and cards, and wintering in Florida. Gene will be remembered by his magnetic personality and memorable smile, as he never knew a stranger.

He is survived by his wife, Dian; children, Michelle (Dean) Helberg, Dean (Peg) Wendt, and Jeremy (Amy) Wendt; grandchildren, Danielle (Evan) Vocke, Nicolle Helberg, McKenzie Helberg, Amber Wendt, Zachary Wendt, Dylan Wendt, and Anna Wendt; and a great grandson, Artie Vocke.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Donna Dunbar.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 10th at St. John Lutheran Church, ST RTE 6 & 66. Interment will follow at the church cemetery where military honors will be accorded by the Ridgeville American Legion.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 2-7 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to St. John Lutheran Church or Ridgeville Twp. Fire Department.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.rodembergergray.com](http://www.rodembergergray.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. John Lutheran Cemetery, Stryker

23120 US Highway 6  
Stryker, OH 43557

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 9. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon  
1010 Westmoreland Avenue  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## Visitation

JUN 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church - Stryker  
23120 US Highway 6  
Stryker, OH 43557

## Funeral Service

JUN 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church - Stryker  
23120 US Highway 6  
Stryker, OH 43557



# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Video*



Rodenberger Funeral Home - November 07, 2023 at 03:58 PM

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“ Gene was a great neighbor and fellow church member, whose sharp wit and humor, provided the ability to deliver the perfect one line comment, for every situation that one could encounter in daily life. My condolences to Dian and family.

Ed Nagel - June 10, 2023 at 05:35 AM

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“ Dian, You have our deepest sympathy!! He will be missed, but you rest in peace knowing that he is in no more pain and is in the arms of his loving Saviour. Our prayers are with you and the rest of the family.

Norbert & Linda Sonnenberg - June 09, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" Wendt.



June 09, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Dian prayers to you and your family. We will miss him had a lot fun times! Rest in peace our friend. Sympathy to all of you! Gene & Louise Cordes*

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**Mary Cordes** - June 08, 2023 at 11:58 AM

“ From the frozen tundra of Korea to fields and forests of war-torn Europe 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 the 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.

*Brigadier General (Retired) Mark W. Lee, United States Army*