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Eugene "Sonny" Hogrefe, 76, of Napoleon was welcomed by his Heavenly Father on Friday, July 18, 2014 at Henry County Hospital.

He was born September 1, 1937 to the late Henry and Neva (Rettig) Hogrefe. On May 18, 1968 he married Barbara Abbott.

At the age of 18 he started Eugene Hogrefe, Inc. Trucking Company which is now Dad's Trucking, LLC; and in 1992 he created Sonny's Auto Sales, which both still operate today. He was all about working hard, never going anywhere without his vise-grips. He was known for his endless sense of humor and always taking time to help others. He carried these traits throughout his life and his final days. Sonny had the courage and strength to get through his share of life's challenges; which included battles with multiples cancers and heart conditions. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He enjoyed vacationing to Florida and took pleasure in supporting and watching his son race at Oakshade.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; children, Connie (David) Froelich, Napoleon; Joann (Billy) Pennington, Addison, Michigan; Danny Hogrefe, Napoleon; grandchildren, Nikita Froelich; Joshua Froelich; Makaela Ekstrand; Sonny Froelich and brother, Gary Hogrefe, Napoleon.

He was also preceded in death by brother, Robert Hogrefe.

Funeral services are 2:00 p.m., Wednesday at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon with Rev. Peter Marcis officiating. Interment will follow in Forest Hill Cemetery, Napoleon.

Visitation is 2-4 & 6-8 p.m., Tuesday at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to American Cancer Society or Donor's Choice.

www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **22.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

JUL **22.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUL **23.** 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MC

“ I liked Sonny's sense of humor. He was a hard worker and fun to be around. Mike Clemens and Robert Clemens

Mike Clemens - July 23, 2014 at 10:41 AM

RM

“ Reda Maynard purchased the Books of Love for the family of Eugene "Sonny" Hogrefe.



Reda Maynard - July 22, 2014 at 10:36 AM

RM

“ Barb, Danny & Family, so sorry to hear about Sonny. Dan would have been heartbroken. He thought the world of Sonny. We had good memories of him.



Reda Maynard - July 21, 2014 at 05:04 PM



“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eugene "Sonny" Hogrefe.



July 21, 2014 at 01:37 PM

BD

“ Brent D. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Eugene "Sonny" Hogrefe.



Brent D. - July 21, 2014 at 11:19 AM

GN

“ Barb and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during these rough times.
With Sympathy,
George, Rosella, and Geanie Nicely

geanie nicely - July 21, 2014 at 10:06 AM

CS

“ Barb & Family, I was saddened to hear of Sonny's passing. My son, Daniel's, first words were at the same time as mine "Times are Hard", words spoken by Sonny. I can't tell you how much he has meant to my family, particularly to my brother Vince for whom he had a many long years friendship. He done so many good things for Vince and for our entire family over the years, he will be missed. May God bless you Barb and your entire family during this time and always. Carol (Mathers) Stover

Carol Stover - July 19, 2014 at 04:45 PM

PC

Barb & family, we are very sad to hear of the passing of Sonny. He had such a kind heart, always there when you called upon him and a very good friend, he will greatly be missed. May God give you and the family strength in this difficult time. Earl & Paula Caldwell

Paula Caldwell - July 20, 2014 at 08:47 PM

KZ

Barb , Danny ,Connie, JoAnne

My heart is deeply saddened of the lose of a wonderful Man Sonny was not just a provider, hard worker, loyal to his word.A kind man who has helped many of us his friends in the need of help when they came to him. He was a loving devoted husband, carrying & an example of hero to his children on how to survive & live in the real world ,and to his grandchildren a funny, happy man that always loved them and was proud of each one of them of their accomplishments. He will always keep living

In our hearts with the memories he made with all of us his family & friends forever. May God bless you with his love, peace, strength and mercy that he can fill ur hearts with that only he can do.

*With our Deepest Sympathy,
Kellie Burks & Dave Hill*

kellie Zimmerman - July 21, 2014 at 12:58 PM

JZ

To Barb and family,

Our hearts go out to you all with great sympathy! The love for his family and friends could not be denied, though some may think not, it was. Always asking and caring on how one is doing. Whether it was helping the family or others, Sonny, was always there to lend a hand out to most people around him, even though he was at his busiest. A strong, strong man, that would hardly say no on giving something up, always saying there must be a way. If there was something to be done, he would do it or find someone who could. Always teaching and preaching if you did not know how to do or go about doing something. He was and will always be an awesome and wonderful friend. Great appreciation goes out to him for the man he made himself out to be. Sonny and all of you, will always be in our heart and mind at all times.

*With much love and sympathy,
James D. Zimmerman and family.*

James D. Zimmerman - July 25, 2014 at 05:06 AM