



Franklin G. Gebers

February 24, 1935 - August 1, 2017

Franklin "Frank" Gebers, 82, of Hamler, Ohio passed away Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at the Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center, Defiance, Ohio.

He was born February 24, 1935 in Hamler, Ohio to the late George and Martha (Panning) Gebers. On January 19, 1963 he married Jeanne Taylor at Monroe Street Methodist Church, Toledo, Ohio and she survives.

Frank was a 1953 graduate of Hamler High School and furthered his education at Toledo University with a degree in Industrial Engineering and Management. He worked for over 30 years at Johns-Manville, Defiance, Ohio and retired as the Plant 3 Manager. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force and was called to active service during the Berlin Crisis. Frank was a farmer and was proud to have the Gebers Farm recognized as an Ohio Centennial Farm.

He was a faithful member of Hope Lutheran Church, Hamler where he sang in the church choir and was past president of the church council. He enjoyed singing with the Northwesterners Barbershop Quartet and remained an active member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. He was a member of the Warren L. McIntyre American Legion Post 262, Hamler and a lifetime member of the Patrick Henry Athletic Boosters.

Frank always cheered for the Ohio State Buckeyes, and was an avid fan of Patrick Henry High School Athletics, but his greatest joy was supporting his grandchildren in any of their activities.

He is lovingly survived by his wife of over 54 years, Jeanne; three children,

Darrin (Tammy) Gebers, Wintergarden, Florida; Tiffany (Ed) Biederstedt, Napoleon; Cindy (Brad) Van De Bussche, Hamler; seven grandchildren, Mallory, Morgan and Cameron Gebers; Blake and Alexandria Biederstedt; Alex and Sabrina Van De Bussche.

He was also preceded in death by sisters, Jean Rettig and Norma Zimmerman.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday at Hope Lutheran Church, Hamler with Rev. Keith Hunsinger officiating. Graveside services with military honors will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. on Friday at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon and from 10-11 a.m. on Saturday at the church.

The family suggests memorials to Hope Lutheran Church; PH Athletic Boosters or CHP Defiance Inpatient Hospice.

www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Hope - St. Stephens Lutheran Cemetery

Hamler, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

AUG 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hope Lutheran Church
Hamler, OH

Service

AUG 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Hope Lutheran Church
Hamler, OH

Tribute Wall

DW

“ Frank was a wonderful man and a very good friend! I have a lot of fond memories of the many years we have been friends. My prayers are with Jean and the family.

Don Williams

Don Williams - August 04, 2017 at 07:37 AM

BD

“ Brian Davenport lit a candle in memory of Franklin G. Gebers



Brian Davenport - August 03, 2017 at 07:34 PM



Thanks Brian he sure liked talking with you.

Darrin Gebers - August 04, 2017 at 09:55 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Franklin G. Gebers.



August 03, 2017 at 07:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Franklin G. Gebers.*



August 03, 2017 at 02:16 PM



“ *Jean and kids,
Frank was an all around good guy! He always had a smile and something positive to say! He will be missed!
Diann Brown*

Diann Brown - August 02, 2017 at 08:23 PM



“ *To Darrin, Tammy, and family. Larry and I am so sorry for your dad's passing. Following your posts on here I know what a wonderful dad he was. Your whole family is in our loving thoughts and prayers. God bless and be with you all at the most sorrowful time. Love. Junie and Larry Decker from Nashville, Michigan.*

June Decker - August 02, 2017 at 05:54 PM



“ *Frank always had a smile and a friendly word for anyone he met. He will be sadly missed.
Kathy & Steve Lieb*



Kathy Lieb - August 02, 2017 at 05:51 PM

MC

“ *Gebers Family,
Frank was an awesome man and our family thought so much of him. Dad is really going to miss his friend! We hope you can find some peace in all of your wonderful memories through this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Love, Mark and Cindy Cody*

Mark and Cindy Cody - August 02, 2017 at 05:01 PM

PM

“ *He always had a hug and a smile for you. I remember standing at the end of the lane waiting for him to stop and give us rides in the tractor. He always made time for us kids growing up. Kind soul and he will be missed very much.*

Pam Miller

Pam Miller - August 02, 2017 at 03:49 PM

GR

“ *Jean & Family,*

Please accept our deepest sympathy. Frank has been in our prayers since we heard of his illness. We enjoyed many good times with Frank & Jean over our JM careers. He leaves many fond memories in ours hearts.

Continued prayers for the family during this difficult time.

Greg & Helen Reineke

Greg & Helen Reineke - August 02, 2017 at 03:17 PM

GM

Such a beautiful family, great husband and father. My heart and prayers go out for all the Geber family. I pray that our dear Lord will bring comfort and peace to you all. I know he will be truly missed...

Gloria Martinez - August 02, 2017 at 06:07 PM

DB

*Jean and children,
I will always remember Frank as a good guy who would have a variety of interesting things to talk about. Since I was 10 years younger than Frank I looked on with envy at the way Marv, Don and Frank (the older Gebers male cousins) would interact. They were all great role models for the younger male cousins.*

May our Lord offer comfort in your time of grief.

Dan Bartels

Dan Bartels - August 04, 2017 at 12:33 PM

JF

*Jean and family,
We are so sorry to hear about Frank, he was a great person and a good friend. We haven't seen Frank for over twenty years, but remember the good times we spent with you and Frank.*

Joan and Pete Fairchild

Joan Fairchild - August 04, 2017 at 03:46 PM

JP

One of Don's great Gebers' cousins. Frank was in our wedding in 1958. My family immediately took a liking to Frank. He was one of those people who made you feel at home from the moment you met him. He will be missed.

Peace,

Jan Panning

Jan Panning - August 04, 2017 at 08:39 PM