



Franz Eldor

July 17, 2009

Eldor L. Franz, 87, of Napoleon, OH died Friday, July 17, 2009 at Golden Living Center - Northcrest in Napoleon. He was born May 23, 1922 in Holgate to the late Walter & Mabel (Hornung) Franz. On February 10, 1946, he married Betty Rohrs at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon. Eldor owned and operated Franz Marathon in Napoleon for 35 years. Many would remember Eldor as the "Gum Man" from handing out Juicy Fruit gum to all the children during his deliveries. He was a member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church, volunteer fireman for the Napoleon Fire department, member of the Luther R. Kolbe VFW Post 8218 and Bert G. Taylor American Legion Post 300 of Napoleon. He served the US Air force as a Corporal during W.W.II. He is survived by his wife, Betty; sons, William (Laurie) Franz of Dayton, OH, John (Sabine) Franz of Milwaukee, WI, and Thomas (Jan) Franz of Wauseon, OH; 6 granddaughters; 3 great grandchildren, and a sister, Marjorie (Paul) Neuhauser of Napoleon, OH. Funeral services will held on Monday at 11am at the St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon. Interment will follow at Forest Hill Cemetery, where military honors will be accorded by the Napoleon Joint Veteran Posts. Friends may call on Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8pm at the Rodenberger Funeral Home in Napoleon and 1hr prior the service at the church on Monday. The family suggests memorial contributions to St. Paul Lutheran Church or a charity of the donors choice.

Tribute Wall



“ Betty, Bill and all of the Franz family, The Knepley family wants to express their condolences to all of you at your loss of Eldor in July. I will remember him as a kind and supportive parent to the Franz boys. He was always available to take us up to band practice or to games when we were running late. We will miss him greatly. Gregg, Cheryl, Mark, Joyce and Lou.##imported-begin##Gregg Knepley##imported-end##

August 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ May you find comfort from one another and the fact that Eldor lived a full rich life with a loving family and friends. God Bless and keep you.##imported-begin##Tim & Pam Downey##imported-end##

July 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Tom and Jan and daughters We were very sorry to hear about the death of your Dad...Please remember you are in our prayers. We could not make it to the visitation on Sunday, Jared had soccer in Columbus over the weekend. You have our deepest sympathy and we really missed not being able to tell you in person. Thinking of you during this sad time. Dave, Tammy and boys.##imported-begin##Tammy And Dave Kern And Sons##imported-end##

July 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ to Betty and family- our heartfelt sympathy to you Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Marc and Marsha##imported-begin##Marc Gerken##imported-end##

July 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Betty and family-our sympathy to you all-Eldor was a great man!Love, Laurie and Dick and family##imported-begin##Laurie And Dick Newlove##imported-end##

July 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Betty and Family,I am so sorry for your loss. I was the recipient of many of those sticks of Juicy Fruit gum Eldor handed out and that is a nice memory to have! Please know you're in my thoughts. With Sympathy, Denise (Margaret Ann's youngest)##imported-begin##Denise Vajen##imported-end##

July 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Betty, I am so sorry to hear about Eldor. I wish I was there for you both. He was my favorite! I do not come home from Arizona until the 21st. May God be with you and your family at this time. With Love and Sympathy,Staci##imported-begin##Staci Macgregor##imported-end##

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