



Frederick H. Helmke

June 27, 1925 - March 26, 2018

Frederick H. Helmke, 92, of Jewell, died Monday, March 26, 2018 at Brookview Healthcare center, Defiance, Ohio. He was born June 27, 1925 to the late Dietrich and Sophia (Wichman) Helmke in Jewell, Ohio. On February 1, 1947 he married Leora (Baker) Helmke at St. Stephens Lutheran Church, New Bavaria Road. Defiance, Ohio.

Fred hauled bulk milk for Arps Dairy. He also worked maintenance for Defiance College for 12 years and Northtowne Mall for 15 years. He served in the U.S. Army from 1943-1946 with 23 months in Europe. He was a lifelong member of St. Peter Lutheran Church. Florida, Ohio, holding many offices. He was a charter member of the Jewell American Legion and Jewell Volunteer Fire Department.

Fred is survived by his loving wife of 72 years, Leora; daughters, Marilyn (Thomas) Meek of Defiance, Lois Schaffer of Port Charlotte, Florida, and Connie (David) Aeschliman of Stryker; 8 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his siblings, Rudy and Henry Helmke, Doris Meyer and Ruth Shibler.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 31 at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Florida, Ohio. Interment will follow at Riverview Memory Gardens, Defiance, Ohio where military honors will be accorded.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter Lutheran church or a charity

of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.rodembergerfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 30. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

MAR 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Lutheran Church-Florida, Ohio
K980 County Road 17D
Napoleon, OH 43545

Service

MAR 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frederick H. Helmke.



March 30, 2018 at 05:54 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frederick H. Helmke.



March 30, 2018 at 01:30 PM



“ Roger D. Short lit a candle in memory of Frederick H. Helmke



Roger d. Short - March 30, 2018 at 09:47 AM



“ Fred, has always been a great friend, mentor and a father figure for all the years we work together, you we be truly missed. James Navarette and family



James Navarette - March 30, 2018 at 08:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frederick H. Helmke.*



March 29, 2018 at 10:08 PM



“ *I Have You In My Heart Plush Blanket was purchased for the family of Frederick H. Helmke.*



March 29, 2018 at 02:54 PM



“ *and Ken & Joan Baker purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Frederick H. Helmke.*



and Ken & Joan Baker - March 29, 2018 at 02:15 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Frederick H. Helmke.*



March 29, 2018 at 12:56 PM

JB

“ So sorry to hear of Fritz's passing. Will keep you in our thoughts and prayers during this time.
Russ and Judy Baxter

Judy Baxter - March 29, 2018 at 10:19 AM

SR

“ I pray that you will find peace and comfort in the wonderful memories of your dad, husband and grandfather that you'll share today and in the days to come. My thoughts and prayers are with you. 🌹 Shirley Robinson

Shirley Robinson - March 28, 2018 at 09:58 PM

LH

“ Fred u will greatly missed by All..Prayers to all..RIP Dear Man..



Linda Hamman - March 28, 2018 at 09:41 PM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Frederick H. Helmke.



March 28, 2018 at 09:18 PM

DV

“ He used to haul water to us when we lived in Buster Minsel's house. in 1961 when we moved to Jewell. Dewey & Valetta Van Valkenburg

Dewey Van Valkenburg - March 28, 2018 at 05:52 PM

CF

“ Carol Feehan & Kim Feehan lit a candle in memory of Frederick H. Helmke



Carol Feehan & Kim Feehan - March 28, 2018 at 05:41 PM

RM

“ Richard H. Meyer sent a virtual gift in memory of Frederick H. Helmke



Richard H. Meyer - March 28, 2018 at 03:35 PM

RC

“ Roger And Patty Coy lit a candle in memory of Frederick H. Helmke



Roger and Patty Coy - March 28, 2018 at 02:06 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Frederick H. Helmke.*



March 28, 2018 at 01:42 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Frederick H. Helmke.*



March 28, 2018 at 01:22 PM



“ *We have such fond memories of Uncle Fritz...what a wonderful, kind and loving man. Will miss his smiles and laugh.... See you Friday. With love & sympathy at the loss of your husband, father and grandfather, Linda & Gary*

Linda Henschen - March 28, 2018 at 10:29 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frederick H. Helmke.*



March 28, 2018 at 08:10 AM

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“ Nancy Duke (Meyer) lit a candle in memory of Frederick H. Helmke



Nancy Duke (Meyer) - March 28, 2018 at 07:56 AM

CR

The man I only knew as "Uncle Fritz" was such a solid role model. Always pleasant, always kind. Through your tears might you all remember the values he upheld in his life. One great guy. Cecily Rohrs

Cecily Rohrs - March 30, 2018 at 11:01 AM