



Gary "GR" Robert Young

August 4, 1962 - January 10, 2026

Gary Robert "GR" Young, 63, of Bryan, Ohio passed away on January 10, 2026. He was born August 4, 1962, in Napoleon, Ohio, lived a life defined by devotion, quiet strength, and a love that never wavered.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gary Young and Carolyn Young, whose values he carried forward in everything he did.

GR was the beloved husband of Barb Young, the love of his life, his anchor, and his greatest blessing. Their marriage was built on loyalty, trust, and an unbreakable bond. Together, they created a home filled with steadiness, laughter, and unconditional love. Barb was not only his wife, but his partner in every sense, and GR's greatest pride was the life they built side by side.

He was a fiercely proud and devoted father to Alex Ellis and Levi Young. GR loved his children not just with words, but through presence, sacrifice, and example. He showed them what it meant to work hard, stand firm, and always put family first. His love was steady, protective, and enduring, a foundation they will carry with them forever.

Of all the roles GR cherished, none brought him greater joy than being Pawpaw to his grandchildren, Kamari Young and Ryott Young. They were his heart, his laughter, and his greatest happiness. Every moment spent with them was treasured. To Kamari and Ryott, Pawpaw was comfort, warmth, and unconditional love, a safe place in this world that will never fade.

GR is also survived by his siblings, Deb Bostleman, Pat Geahlen, and Greg Young, along with many extended family members and lifelong friends who

were blessed by his loyalty, kindness, and quiet generosity.

A true working man, GR took immense pride in providing for his family. He believed love was shown through action, and he lived that belief every day. When he wasn't working, he found peace and joy in hunting, football, and racing, simple pleasures that brought him happiness and connection with those he loved. Whether outdoors, cheering at the TV, or soaking in race day excitement, these moments were part of who he was. GR will be remembered for his strong hands that never tired, his dependable heart that never failed, and the deep, unwavering love he gave without needing recognition. His legacy lives on in the family he protected, the values he instilled, and the love that will echo through generations. Young forever.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, from 12:00 Noon until the time of services at 4:00 PM. Interment will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 14. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JAN 14. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Dad loved feeding the deer in his backyard! Here's some photos from his deer camera we set up. ❤️ 🦌



Alex Ellis - January 14 at 02:30 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Video



Rodenberger Funeral Home - January 14 at 12:34 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gary "GR" Robert Young.



January 14 at 09:54 AM

TF

“ Terry and Melissa Shindorf and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary "GR" Robert Young.

Terry and Melissa Shindorf and family - January 14 at 09:54 AM

CW

“ Crystal Willett purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary "GR" Robert Young.



Crystal Willett - January 12 at 10:30 PM

CW

“ Crystal Willett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary "GR" Robert Young.

Crystal Willett - January 12 at 10:30 PM

MH

“ Great guy so sorry to hear

Mike Hensley - January 12 at 06:49 PM

KE

“ Kay, Jimmy, Dawson & Skyler Ezzell purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gary "GR" Robert Young.



Kay, Jimmy, Dawson & Skyler Ezzell - January 12 at 06:37 PM

JE

“ Jimmy E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary "GR" Robert Young.

Jimmy E. - January 12 at 06:15 PM

GS

“ Barb,

You have our sympathy. GR fought for a long time. I always enjoyed our talks when I would call him. Praying for you, and the boys.

Glenn and Jayna

Glenn and Jayna Small - January 12 at 04:48 PM