



## Gary L. Ritchey

November 15, 1936 - September 17, 2024

Gary L. Ritchey, 87, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away at St. Vincent Mercy Medical on Tuesday, September 17, 2024. He was born in Alliance, Ohio on November 15, 1936, to the late Leland and Melba (Seufts) Ritchey. On June 28, 1958, he married Cheryl Kleckner in Tiffin, Ohio.

Gary was a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon. He spent his career educating children, coaching many sports, and eventually served as Principal at West Elementary School. Gary was a huge sports enthusiast, that was once drafted by the New York Yankees and was a huge Ohio State Buckeyes fan. He enjoyed spending time with his family and traveling.

Gary is survived by his wife of 66 years, Cheryl; children, Gregory (Vaune) Ritchey, and Kimberly (Douglas) Small; grandchildren, Heather (Alan) Potter, Scott (Valerie Sager) Ritchey, Alexandra Small and Davidson St. Jean; great grandchildren, Archer and Adam Potter, Harper Sager, and Huxton Sager Ritchey. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, from 11:00 AM until the time of services at 1:00 PM. Interment will follow at Glenwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Emanuel Lutheran Church. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Glenwood Cemetery

Napoleon, OH 43545

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **25**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

SEP **25**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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1010 Westmoreland Avenue  
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# Tribute Wall

FW

“ *Fondly, Michele and Scott Wilson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gary L. Ritchey.*



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**Fondly, Michele and Scott Wilson** - October 02, 2024 at 08:57 AM

KC

“ *Condolences to the Ritchey family. I remember Mr. Ritchey from West Elementary.*

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**Kelly (Dimock) Carpenter** - September 25, 2024 at 04:16 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary L. Ritchey.*



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September 25, 2024 at 09:21 AM

MR

“ *Mike and Carol Russell purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Gary L. Ritchey.*



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**Mike and Carol Russell** - September 24, 2024 at 02:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary L. Ritchey.*



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September 24, 2024 at 01:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary L. Ritchey.*



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September 23, 2024 at 10:39 AM



“ *Steve (John) and I (Carol) extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family.*

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**John** - September 21, 2024 at 01:28 PM



“ *When I moved to Napoleon I was in fifth grade. I was so scared he was principal at west. Gary took me under his wings n made me feel so comfortable n we became best buds from that day forward. Gary I will forever love you. You meant the world to me*

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**sherri beckclearl806@gmail.com** - September 20, 2024 at 11:28 PM

AC

“ Alan Potter and The Chandlers purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Gary L. Ritchey.



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**Alan Potter and The Chandlers** - September 20, 2024 at 06:52 PM

RI

“ A memorial contribution was made to Emanuel Lutheran Church from Rick Winn, Rich Mac and your ASM/CAA family.

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**Rich** - September 20, 2024 at 10:31 AM

CM

“ Chris and Max purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gary L. Ritchey.



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**Chris and Max** - September 19, 2024 at 05:23 PM