



Gerald "Jerry" Hoeffel

March 21, 1938 - October 23, 2025

Gerald "Jerry" Lynn Hoeffel, 87, of Napoleon, Ohio, went home to the Lord on Thursday, October 23, 2025. He was born in Napoleon, Ohio, to the late Albert and Fernelia (Travis) Hoeffel. On May 7, 1960, he married Janice K. Swick at Christ United Methodist Church of Napoleon and spent a loving 51 years together. She preceded him in death on March 27, 2011.

Jerry was the best father, grandfather and friend and loved to get to know anyone. He had a way of making each of his daughters feel special in their own way. Jerry was a member of Christ United Methodist Church of Napoleon and would often help with church community meals and various jobs around the church to keep active. In his spare time, he would often keep busy with yardwork, woodworking, spending time with his loving family, or hanging out at McDonalds with the coffee club. His jokester and kind personality always kept him enjoying the small things in life.

Jerry is survived by his children, Julie Hoeffel, Jennifer Hoeffel, Jeanise (Becky Brandt) Hoeffel, and Jane (Darren) Sonnenberg; grandchildren, Trey (Nikki) Sonnenberg, and Ellie (Matt) Bosworth; great-grandchildren, Crew, Greyson, JD, Hazel, and Violet; as well as many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Jerry is preceded in death by his loving wife Janice, and brother, James Hoeffel Sr.

A memorial gathering will be held at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, from 3PM until 7PM. A memorial service will be held for Jerry at Christ United Methodist Church, Napoleon, on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at 11am, with a gathering from 10AM until the time of service. Inurnment will follow the service at Hoy Cemetery, Napoleon. A luncheon will be provided at the church immediately following the cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made out to Christ United Methodist Church. Online condolences may also be left for the family at www.rodenbergergray.com.

Cemetery Details

Hoy Cemetery

St. Rt. 109
Napoleon, OH

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

OCT **28**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Memorial Gathering

OCT **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ United Methodist
1255 Glenwood Ave
Napoleon, OH 43545

Memorial Service

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CR

“ *He is my grate grandfather*

crew - February 27 at 11:05 AM

TW

“ *Trina Woods purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Hoeffel.*



Trina Woods - October 28, 2025 at 01:47 PM

LH

“ *Love Kristen Huener planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald "Jerry" Hoeffel.*

Love Kristen Huener - October 28, 2025 at 10:21 AM

LH

“ *Love Kristen Huener purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Hoeffel.*



Love Kristen Huener - October 28, 2025 at 10:21 AM

CA

“ *So very sorry to see this sad news. My heart goes out to you on this tremendous loss. Please accept my deepest sympathy.*

Carol Agler - October 28, 2025 at 08:57 AM

FB

“ From Frank and Mary Bailey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald "Jerry" Hoeffel.

From Frank and Mary Bailey - October 27, 2025 at 05:51 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Hoeffel.



October 27, 2025 at 05:51 PM



“ Sending our deepest condolences to the Hoeffel family Steven & Kimberly (Travis) Camp & family

Kimberly Camp - October 27, 2025 at 04:05 PM

TA

“ The Adler's purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Hoeffel.



The Adler's - October 27, 2025 at 03:27 PM

RW

“ What a lovely photo of a truly gentle man. Deepest sympathy for your loss. Keep the faith of the promised reunion with our loved ones when the day finally comes. With love and friendship ~ robin

Robin Weirauch - October 27, 2025 at 09:04 AM

YF

“ *Your Chesnut Kroger Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Hoeffel.*



Your Chesnut Kroger Family - October 26, 2025 at 04:30 PM

GW

“ *Our sympathy to the Hoeffel family. Jerry was always so kind. Enjoyed our conversations when he shared his rhubarb crop with us.*



Gary and Lila Wernecke - October 24, 2025 at 05:24 PM

LP

“ *So many beautiful memories dating back to GMA & GPA Travis house, and Fern & Al's. Such a kind gentleman who loved to share a joke and smile with you. If Jerry could help anyone in need, he was always first in line. He's celebrating his eternal love with Janice now. God Bless*

Linda Parnell - October 24, 2025 at 03:32 PM