



Gerald "Jerry" Franz

November 20, 1936 - June 8, 2019

Gerald "Jerry" P. Franz, 82, of Holgate, Ohio died Saturday, June 8, 2019 at the Henry County Hospital. He was born November 20, 1936 in Napoleon, Ohio to the late Donald P. and Isabel (Clemens) Franz. On April 28, 1962 he married Rita (Warnimont) Franz at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Miller City, Ohio and she preceded him in death on November 8, 2017.

Jerry was a lifelong farmer and after retirement he enjoyed bee keeping and was a member of Northwest Ohio Beekeepers Association.

He was a member and ditch maintenance supervisor for the Henry County Soil and Water Conservation, member of Leipsic Fishing and Hunting Association, former Vice President and life member of Ohio Farmer's Union, and member of the Henry County Farm Bureau.

He was a faithful member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Holgate and its church council. He was a past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, Holgate council 4790 and member of Ottawa council 1757.

He served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1958-1964 and was a member of the Napoleon American Legion.

He is survived by his children, Suzanne (Alan) Wischmeyer, Ottawa, Michael (Penny) Franz, Napoleon, Nicholas Franz, Napoleon, Anne (John) Taylor, Napoleon, and Renee Patterson (Douglas), Defiance; grandchildren, Logan Franz, Alexa Franz, Andrew Taylor (Morgan), Joseph Taylor, Lindsay Patterson, and Hope Wischmeyer; sisters, Dolores Firman, Ayersville, Joan

Paxton of Holgate, and Patricia Pahl of Defiance.

Funeral Mass for Gerald will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 13th, 2019 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Holgate, Ohio. Interment will follow at Riverview Memory Gardens, Defiance.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Catholic Church, Napoleon American Legion, or Henry County Hospital Foundation.

Online condolences may be made at www.rodenbergergray.com

Cemetery Details

Riverview Memory Gardens

29321 County Rd 424
Defiance, OH 43512

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Mass

JUN 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
316 Chicago Ave
Holgate, OH 43527

Tribute Wall



“ Gerald was one of my favorite massage clients. He was always on time, in a good mood and always, always ALWAYS had a story or two to share with me! He was well-liked by my entire family and we loved his homemade honey! I remember when he grew his beard and didn't shave it off until Rita returned home to him. I found that gesture very sweet! He talked lovingly about his family and farming...I will always remember him fondly.

Dianne Hefflinger - June 19, 2019 at 07:51 PM

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“ The Tadena Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Franz.



The Tadena Family - June 12, 2019 at 11:35 AM

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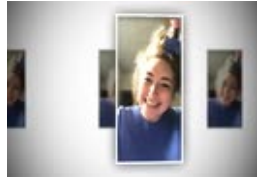
“ ODOT West Construction Team purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Franz.



ODOT West Construction Team - June 12, 2019 at 09:26 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Video*



Rodenberger Funeral Home - June 11, 2019 at 02:58 PM



“ We want to extend our sympathy you. Remember the fun times you had with your Dad and that will make you smile.
God be with each of you.

Rog and Sue Junge and family

Sue Junge - June 11, 2019 at 01:23 PM



“ *Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Franz.*



June 10, 2019 at 04:35 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Franz.*



June 10, 2019 at 01:00 PM

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“ So Sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Kevin, Lynn, Andrew, Ben, Beth, Emily & Clara



kevin Wischmeyer - June 10, 2019 at 10:43 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Franz.



June 09, 2019 at 09:35 PM

Tami Busch-Hartman

“ Tami Busch-Hartman lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Franz



Tami Busch-Hartman - June 09, 2019 at 04:34 PM

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“ Your Dad has received the gift of Heaven and I know your Mom has been waiting on him. Memories will make you smile❤️ Find comfort in knowing your Dad is safe in the arms of Jesus! God's blessings to all of you 🙏🙏🙏

Vicki Glick - June 09, 2019 at 07:05 AM

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“ *Many wonderful memories of Jerry and Rita. Together again.*

Dorothy Engelhaupt - June 08, 2019 at 11:13 PM

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“ *Thinking of you all and sending my sincere sympathy. Take care and cherish the memories of both your Dad and Mom. 💕💕💕*

Anita Creager - June 08, 2019 at 09:38 PM



“ *Brenda Averagesch lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Franz*



Brenda Averagesch - June 08, 2019 at 08:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Franz.*



June 08, 2019 at 05:28 PM