



Gregory L. Gerken

February 18, 1991 - October 15, 2016

Gregory L. Gerken, 25, of Defiance, Ohio died Saturday, October 15, 2016 from injuries sustained in a single car accident. He was born on February 18, 1991 in Napoleon, Ohio to Dennis & Lynnette (Hesterman) Gerken.

Gregg was a 2009 graduate of Tinora High school and attended Columbus State University. He loved sports and was a talented basketball player, track and cross country runner. He also enjoyed golfing, fishing, and hunting.

Gregg worked at Sauder Woodworking in Archbold and had also worked part-time at Beck Petro in Ridgeville Corners and Ohio Machine Products in Holgate.

Gregg had a magnetic personality and was very social, outgoing, and always eager to give a helping hand. He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona. He was active in the church Youth Group and attended several of the churches national youth gatherings. He was also a former church Deacon.

Most of all, Gregg loved his son, Mason and enjoyed the time they spent together.

He is also survived by brothers, Ben Gerken and Nathan Gerken, and maternal grandparents, Eldon & Marcia (Ranzau) Hesterman.

He was preceded in death by paternal grandparents, Edwin and Marie (Hoops) Gerken.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, October 21 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona. Interment will follow at the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon and Friday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are suggested to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Fire & Rescue or a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery, Okolona

30997 Gerken Road
Defiance, OH 43512

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

OCT **21**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona
30997 Gerken Road
Defiance, OH 43512

Service

OCT **21**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona
30997 Gerken Road
Defiance, OH 43512

Tribute Wall

MR

“ *Peace to all of you...Mary Rose*



Mary Rose - November 06, 2016 at 10:31 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gregory L. Gerken.*



October 21, 2016 at 10:27 AM

DC

“ *Dona Curtis lit a candle in memory of Gregory L. Gerken*



Dona Curtis - October 20, 2016 at 12:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gregory L. Gerken.*



October 20, 2016 at 09:07 AM

KD

“ *Kathy Ditmire lit a candle in memory of Gregory L. Gerken*



Kathy Ditmire - October 19, 2016 at 10:25 PM

DS

“ *With deepest sympathy in your loss. Deb Simonis*



deb Simonis - October 19, 2016 at 06:46 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gregory L. Gerken.*



October 19, 2016 at 12:38 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gregory L. Gerken.*



October 18, 2016 at 11:04 PM

MK

“ Denny & Lynnette & sons,
Our hearts are full of sadness for you and your family, may time
make this burden a little lighter for you. Just remember we are all
going to the same place but Greg just got there a little sooner. We
love you guys.
Stan & moose

Marilyn Knowles - October 18, 2016 at 09:24 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Gregory L. Gerken.



October 18, 2016 at 08:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Gregory L. Gerken.



October 18, 2016 at 05:25 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Gregory L. Gerken.



October 18, 2016 at 04:50 PM

CH

“ Chris Homan lit a candle in memory of Gregory L. Gerken



Chris Homan - October 18, 2016 at 12:54 PM

RF

“ Ryan And Stephanie Arps And Family lit a candle in memory of Gregory L. Gerken



Ryan and Stephanie Arps and Family - October 18, 2016 at 11:35 AM

CH

“ Carrie Homier lit a candle in memory of Gregory L. Gerken



Carrie Homier - October 18, 2016 at 10:37 AM

CH

Gregg will remain in our hearts and memories forever. The Homier Family

Carrie Homier - October 18, 2016 at 10:40 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gregory L. Gerken.*



October 18, 2016 at 06:49 AM



“ *Prayers for the family
Rhonda Gerken and Gregg Temple
Tyler and Jaylynn Gerken
Brian and Sarah Baumgart and Eston*



Rhonda Gerken - October 17, 2016 at 11:45 PM



“ *Tom Young lit a candle in memory of Gregory L. Gerken*



Tom Young - October 17, 2016 at 10:23 PM



“ *Mallory lit a candle in memory of Gregory L. Gerken*



Mallory - October 17, 2016 at 09:05 PM



“ *Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Gregory L. Gerken.*



October 17, 2016 at 09:02 PM



“ *No matter what 'kind of a day I had' on 1st shift @ Sauder's, I always left the building (feeling better) after having had Gregg greet me with his 'infectious smile', and warm "How's it going?". He will be missed by so many who came to know him...*

Tim Kleck - October 17, 2016 at 08:46 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gregory L. Gerken.*



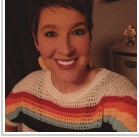
October 17, 2016 at 08:42 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gregory L. Gerken.*



October 17, 2016 at 08:09 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I remember being with Sara Steffey when she babysat Greg when he was little. Sensing my deepest sympathy and prayers to Greg's family and friends

Tabitha Ford - October 17, 2016 at 07:37 PM



“ So deeply sorry for your loss. He was such a great young man with an infectious smile. Thoughts and prayers are with all his family and loved ones 🙏

Shelly Meyers - October 17, 2016 at 06:41 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gregory L. Gerken.



October 17, 2016 at 06:24 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Gregory L. Gerken.



October 17, 2016 at 06:09 PM

JA

“ Joe Aschemeier lit a candle in memory of Gregory L. Gerken



Joe Aschemeier - October 17, 2016 at 05:39 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gregory L. Gerken.



October 17, 2016 at 05:34 PM

BB

“ Brett Behnfeldt lit a candle in memory of Gregory L. Gerken



Brett Behnfeldt - October 17, 2016 at 05:10 PM

DF

“ Dave Fitzenreiter lit a candle in memory of Gregory L. Gerken



Dave Fitzenreiter - October 17, 2016 at 05:10 PM

LS

“ Words can't express how very sorry we are for your loss. You're all in our thoughts and prayers. God's peace to you...
Greg and Lori Schuette & Cody and Dylan Tietje

Lori Schuette - October 17, 2016 at 04:49 PM

KJ

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Thinking and praying for you. Bob, Kim, Lucy, Eliza, and Jack

kimberly Jones - October 17, 2016 at 04:11 PM

KL

“ So very sorry for your loss. Prayers are with you all. Kathy & Steve Lieb

Kathy & Steve Lieb - October 16, 2016 at 09:06 PM

SL

So very sorry for your loss. Prayers for his family. I worked with Gregg he always had a smile and loved joking around. He will be deeply missed

sheila lett - October 17, 2016 at 04:33 PM

NG

Denny-Lynnette and family: Thinking of you and your family, you have our sympathy - Terry and Nancy Gray

Nancy Gray - October 18, 2016 at 09:00 AM

JR

Dear Lynnette and Family,
We are deeply sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jeff & Ethel Renoe - October 18, 2016 at 09:10 PM