



Helberg Malcolm Sonny

January 14, 2008

Malcolm G. "Sonny" Helberg, 75, of Napoleon, Ohio died Monday, January 14th, 2008 at the Lutheran Home in Napoleon, Ohio. He was born December 26, 1932 in Napoleon Township to the late Alvin W. & Mildred (Schroeder) Helberg. On January 5, 1952 he married Rosella (Gerken) Helberg at the St. John Lutheran Church Freedom Township of Napoleon, Ohio, who survives. Sonny worked for C.F. Gerken & Son's of Napoleon for 30 years and the City of Napoleon for 11 years, retiring January of 1998. Additionally, he owned Sonny's Carry Out and Delta Commodities, Inc., both of Napoleon, Ohio. He was a member of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Napoleon Township, where he was a Deacon, Treasurer, and on the church building committee. In addition he was a member of PERS, Napoleon Lutheran Home building committee, and on the Napoleon City Tree Commission. He is also survived by 2 daughters, Vicki L. (Michael) Saneholtz, Peggy L. (Stephen) Mossing, 2 sons, Bruce M. (Kathryn) Helberg, and John A. Helberg, all of Napoleon, Ohio, 8 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, sister, Carol Gerken of Napoleon, and brother, Dean (Barbara) Helberg of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Funeral services will be held at 11am on Thursday at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Napoleon Township with Pastor Franklin Hays officiating. Interment will follow at the church cemetery. Friends may call from 2-8pm on Wednesday at the Rodenberger Funeral Home in Napoleon and 1 hr prior to the services at the church on Thursday. The family suggests memorial contributions to the St. Paul Lutheran Church Napoleon Twp. Foundation, ALS

Foundation, or the Napoleon Lutheran Home.

Tribute Wall



“ Please accept my sympathy for your loss. I remember clearly years at St.Paul's Lutheran Church and the 4-H club activities. My prayers are with you.Kathryn##imported-begin##Kathryn (drewes) Gamble##imported-end##

February 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Rosi & John Please except our deepest sympathy. I worked with Sonny at the City of Nap. and he always had a smile for everyone. Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Keith & Cheryl Wyse##imported-end##

January 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We send our condolences to our classmate of 1951##imported-begin##Dave And Norma Hurst##imported-end##

January 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Rosie, Frank and I send our deepest sympathy. Mary Mossing##imported-begin##Mary Mossing##imported-end##

January 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To Rosie and family - My sincerest condolences on the passing of your husband and father. I worked with Sonny at the City of Napoleon during the summers of my college years. To say that I was lucky to work with Sonny during those years would be a gross understatement! He took me under his wing during that time and taught me so much. Anytime I worked on a project, I did it with the hope that I could have Sonny look at it and it would be exactly the way he wanted. He was meticulous and organized and wanted things done the right way. I was always amazed at his ability to recall minute details of projects he'd done years ago. He was always good for a laugh too - he had a great sense of humor. Just thinking about him now, I can hear his distinctive laugh. I wrote Sonny several years ago after he was diagnosed with the ALS. I had been driving along 475 near the 24 interchange and passed the large pond/lake on the north side of the road. In the letter, I told him I thought of him because I recalled the story he told me where he was sitting on the bank of that pond/lake and entirely overwhelmed by the project and he shared with me that he'd broke down. It was one of the few times I saw his vulnerable side and it really touched me. His work lives on in so many ways around you still to this day! And that's what I told him in the letter. God's blessings to you all, and to Sonny. May you have comfort knowing he's well in heaven and may he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Joe Vocke##imported-end##

January 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Tim And Corinne Schell##imported-end##

January 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Bruce, I am sorry to hear of your father's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family! On a brighter note, Keri and I got engaged Christmas Eve and are now planning an August wedding (8-16-8 -hopefully that is easy enough for me to remember for years!) in BG. John Stierwalt##imported-begin##John Stierwalt##imported-end##

January 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy. Your wonderful family is a lasting tribute to Sonny. You have all taken such wonderful and tender care of him these past few years. May God let him rest in peace. Pat and Mike Brown##imported-begin##Pat And Mike Brown##imported-end##

January 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To Peg and Family My deepest sympathies to all of you. Sonny was a good man. I enjoyed the times I got to spend with him as we were growing up. He will always be remembered.##imported-begin##Jon Neuhauser##imported-end##

January 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To John, Bruce, Peggy and Vicki: My condolences to you for your loss. Your dad and mom were always so pleasant and kind to us as neighbor kids and teenagers. Your parents always made us all feel so welcome in your home. Thanks for the great memories! Jeff Freiburger##imported-begin##Jeff Freiburger##imported-end##

January 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Rosie and family, please accept my deepest sympathy and from my mother, Ruth Daum also. Sonny was one of the first guys I met way back in 1962 when I started working at Gerkens. Over the years I lovingly began calling him Chief. I always knew that I could get a reaction from him when I did that. There are many good memories of the C. F. & Son years that will remain in my heart. A long battle has been fought and Sonny has won that battle. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers at this time and beyond. May God bless each of you and bring you rest and comfort. Rose Gerken###imported-begin###Rose Gerken###imported-end###

January 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Rosie & Family.... I just read with sadness the passing of your husband and father, Malcolm. Rosie... please take care of yourself!Mike Russell###imported-begin###Michael Russell###imported-end###

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