



Henry August Gerken

April 4, 1933 - July 22, 2022

Henry August Gerken, 89, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away on July 22, 2022. He was born in Freedom Township, Henry County, Ohio on April 4, 1933, to Herman and Emilie (Badenhop) Gerken. Henry married Dorothy Wiemken on September 19, 1954, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church Adams Ridge.

Henry was a lifelong farmer and was a well-known mechanic at Meineke Sales and Service for over 20 years. He also worked for Gerald Grain, Northrup King Research, and Pioneer Research. Henry was a lifelong member of St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township. He was very active in the church, serving in many capacities such as Elder, Trustee, committee member and as a school board member. Henry was a member of the Maumee Valley Retired Iron Tractor Club and enjoyed working on his Oliver tractors. He also collected toy tractors. Henry passed on a wealth of knowledge to his younger coworkers. He enjoyed teaching them and sharing stories together.

Henry is survived by his children, Beverly (Michael) Becker, Randall (Liza) Gerken, and Bethann Gerken; grandchildren, Brittany (Kevin) Trolio and Jerid Stine; step grandchildren, Kevin Becker, and Amy Aust; 5 great grandchildren; and sister, Melba Elling. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy; and siblings, Rudolph Gerken, Caroline Hoffman and Waldo Gerken.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Monday, July 25, 2022, from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Funeral services will be held at St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township on

Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Funeral Services will be livestreamed from the church YouTube channel, link from the website <https://www.p.sjl.org>. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Lutheran Church or Lutheran Hour Ministries. Online messages and condolences may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com.

Cemetery Details

St. John Lutheran Freedom Township Cemetery

16035 Co Rd U
Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL 25. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Public Viewing

JUL 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township
16035 County Road U
Napoleon, OH 43545

Funeral Service

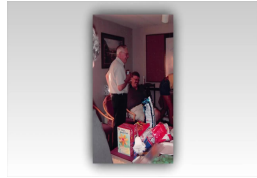
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St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township
16035 County Road U
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Video*



Rodenberger Funeral Home - August 03, 2022 at 08:59 AM

HS

“ I am very saddened to hear of Henry's passing. I got to know Henry and his wife Dorothy years ago as their nurse and they stole my heart the first time I met them! Give Dorothy a big hug for me Henry! I will miss you dearly! -Hope Shanks

Hope Shanks - July 25, 2022 at 08:22 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Henry August Gerken.



July 25, 2022 at 12:30 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Henry August Gerken.



July 25, 2022 at 08:16 AM

PM

“ I met Henry when I worked at Henry County Hospital. He was a kind and soft-spoken man and it was evident he loved his wife and family. God bless. Patty McIntosh

Patty McIntosh - July 23, 2022 at 12:01 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Henry August Gerken.



July 23, 2022 at 10:15 AM

JC

“ So sorry Henry and Rose. You and Family have my Deepest Sympathy!

Judi Cotter - July 23, 2022 at 10:04 AM

LG

“ Thank you Dad for all the great years. Thank you for accepting me into the family even though I already had 2 children from a previous marriage and it came with a lot of baggage. You and Mom took those 2 children right up under your wings and took them as yours very own Grandchildren. For that I am Eternally Thankful. You showed us a Love for Christ and Oliver tractors that has passed onto your Great Grandchildren and will continue on. May you rest in peace, enjoy your eternal life w/ the Lord and Mom. I Love and will miss you dearly. Until we meet again. 🥹🕊️



Liza Gerken - July 22, 2022 at 10:26 PM

KB

My dad, Otto Hahn, enjoyed years of working and friendship with Henry at Meineke Sales and Service. They shared a genuine love for those Oliver Tractors. I always enjoyed visiting with Henry...his smile and pleasant conversation reminded me of my dad.

Kathy Bostelman - July 25, 2022 at 10:45 PM