



## Henry James "Jim" Fedderke

July 27, 1933 - January 21, 2023

Henry James Fedderke "Jim", 89, of Ridgeville Corners, Ohio passed away, on January 21, 2023, at UTMC after a brief battle with a respiratory illness. He was born in Defiance County, Ohio on July 27, 1933, to Henry and Amelia (Kruse) Fedderke. He was baptized on August 19, 1933, and confirmed on March 30, 1947, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. On May 10, 1958, Jim married Mary Ellen Helmke at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Corners.

Jim proudly served his country in the US Army. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, and previously a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church where he served as a Sunday school teacher and held many offices within the church, including president of the congregation. There were very few things that Jim couldn't repair or build. In his younger years he worked as a mason and laid the stone for their family home. He was a great family man and enjoyed having his family close, especially his grandchildren. Jim enjoyed travelling, gardening, snowmobiling, and fishing at Grand Lake.

He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Mary Ellen; children, Deb Fedderke, Sandy (Ric) Andres, Jeff Fedderke, and Michael (Wendy) Fedderke; grandchildren, Ryan (Brittany) Robertson, Jamie (Tom) Kerr, Tyler Andres, Logan Andres, Zachary Fedderke, Spencer Fedderke, and Jordyn Fedderke; great grandchildren, Easton, Addison, Zaylee, Reese, and Kensley;

and sisters, Judy Fedderke, and Marilyn Thomas. In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Ned Thomas.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Funeral services will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Corners, on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Interment will take place at St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Zion Lutheran Church, or the Ridgeville Township Fire Department. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Peter Lutheran Cemetery

CO RD X  
Ridgeville Corners, OH 43555

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JAN **25**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Public Viewing

JAN **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion Lutheran Church  
20141 Co. Rd. X  
Ridgeville Corners, OH

## Funeral Service

JAN **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion Lutheran Church  
20141 Co. Rd. X  
Ridgeville Corners, OH



# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album tribute video



Rodenberger Funeral Home - November 03, 2023 at 01:08 PM

SA

“ Mary Ellen, So sorry to read about the recent passing of Jim. Been a long time since we have been in touch. Bill and I send our condolences to you and your family in this time of grief.

Sue Alexander (your old nursing school roommate)

Susan Alexander - February 10, 2023 at 09:24 PM

JB

“ Just now heard of his passing, deepest sympathies to Mary Ellen and family. Judith Burkholder

Judith Burkholder - February 05, 2023 at 09:23 AM

YF

“ Your Rossford Bass Pro Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Henry James "Jim" Fedderke.



Your Rossford Bass Pro Family - January 25, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Henry James "Jim" Fedderke.



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January 24, 2023 at 09:35 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Henry James "Jim" Fedderke.



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January 24, 2023 at 01:16 PM

“ From the frozen tundra of Korea to fields and forests of war-torn Europe to the jungles of Southeast Asia, from the deserts of Kuwait and Iraq to the mountains of Afghanistan, brave patriots have protected our nation’s ideals, rescued millions from tyranny, and helped spread freedom around the globe. America’s veterans answered the call when asked to protect our nation from some of the most brutal oppression the world has ever known. Military service demands a special kind of sacrifice. The places where you are sent to live and serve bring risk every day. From the time you put on that uniform for the first time, the interests of the nation move to the forefront and define your life. Those duties are shared by family members who make many sacrifices of their own, sometimes bearing the burden of losing a loved one. Service brings rewards as well. There is the pride in developing one’s own character, serving a cause far greater than self-interest. Every person who wears America’s uniform is part of a long, unbroken line of achievement and honor. No single military power in history has done greater good, shown greater courage, liberated more people or upheld higher standards of decency and valor than the Armed Forces of the United States of America. That is a legacy to be proud of and those who contributed to it must never be taken for granted. To honor our veterans, we must keep the promises we have made to them. We must care for those who have been injured in the service of our country. We must honor and remember those who have died. And we must remember those whose fate is still undetermined. We fly the Prisoner of War flag on Veterans Day for a reason, to show that this nation will not relent until we have accounted for every one of our missing Americans. Thank you for your service. Thank you for all that you have sacrificed for this great nation. Thank you for being the backbone of America.

*BG (Retired) Mark W. Lee, USA*

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**Dr. Mark Lee, BG (Retired) USA** - January 24, 2023 at 08:31 AM

DT

“ Dear Mary Ellen. I am sorry for your loss. I hope you are comforted with the fact that existent of our souls after this life ie a well deserved peace Safe in The Arms of Jesus. david toles.....  
Houston, TX

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**david toles** - January 24, 2023 at 01:49 AM

MS

“ Marcia Sebring purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Henry James "Jim" Fedderke.



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**Marcia Sebring** - January 23, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Henry James "Jim" Fedderke.



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January 23, 2023 at 11:22 AM

LG

“ I am so terribly sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Fedderke. I had the honor of meeting him for the first time before a hike down the Grand Canyon. Such a gracious and kind man. And a bit funny too. His son Jeff always shared so many stories about his father. He definitely was a very handy man and clearly never let his home get cold with the amount of wood he chopped and piled! God bless his entire list of family and friends during their mourning period.  
John 16:22 - So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

Love and deepest sympathy,  
Laurie Grimm & Mike Murphy

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**Laura Grimm** - January 23, 2023 at 10:28 AM

KD

So sorry to hear about Jim's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.

My deepest sympathy,  
Karen Dominique

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**Karen Dominique** - January 23, 2023 at 08:35 PM

RB

The best boss i ever had. Roger B. Nagel

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**Roger B.Nagel** - January 24, 2023 at 09:23 AM

CD

Maryellen I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Just know that he is in a better place now. While I only knew Jim through you, he sounded like a wonderful caring person. No one can take all those wonderful memories away from you. My heart goes out to you and your family at this sad time that God will give you peace and reason for happiness.  
My deepest sympathy,  
Carma J. DeCair

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**Carma DeCair** - January 24, 2023 at 01:31 PM

SJ

*My deepest sympathies to Maryellen, Deb, Sandy, Jamie and to all your family for the loss of a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend. Praying that God can help you through this very difficult time.*

*Sincerely,  
Sandy Johnson*

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**sandra johnson** - January 25, 2023 at 01:41 PM