



Hershberger W. James

August 6, 2013

James "Jim" W. Hershberger, 80, of Napoleon, Ohio died on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 at University Toledo Medical Center. He was born on a farm outside of Malinta, Ohio and as a boy worked as a farm hand for Frank Eckenrode. When he was 13 he worked for Howard Overhulse at Howard's Mobil gas station. Upon completing high school, he was drafted in to the US Army and sent overseas to Korea. He was honorably discharged in May of 1955 and within 4 months married his love of his life, Arlene (Rohrs) Hershberger. Jim joined the Napoleon Fire Department, serving for 31 years, progressing through the ranks to the level of Chief. In 1976, he went to work for Campbell Soup Company in the Maintenance Department. After retiring from the fire department, he got elected to the Napoleon City Council, where he served 20 years till present. His concern for others and service to the community, along with his family, were the major highlights of his life. Another endeavor that filled most of his time was repairing lawn mowers for all of his friends and family. Jim was also a faithful member of Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon, a life member of the Napoleon VFW, American Legion, and AMVETS Posts. Jim and Arlene were blessed with 3 children, Mike (Holly) Hershberger, Terry (Ruth) Hershberger, and Cheryl Hershberger (Ron Wieder), all of Napoleon, grandchildren; Christine, Amanda, & Faith Hershberger and Gabe Hershberger, Leah Rickenberg, & Anna (Mike) Evans, great grandchildren; Lynesa & Zoe Shock, brothers; Robert (Marilyn) Hershberger and Jerry (Marilyn) Hershberger, both of Napoleon. He was

preceded in death by a sister, Erma Ludeman and brother, Howard Overhulse. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 9th, at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon. Interment will follow at Glenwood Cemetery, where military honors will be accorded by the Napoleon Joint Veteran Posts. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at Emanuel Lutheran Church. A Fireman's Last Call Service will be held on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Emanuel Lutheran Church Elevator Fund, Napoleon Fire & Rescue, or charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be made at www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Thank you Jim for being such a great neighbor during all those years. I will forever miss the many garage chats that we shared together. May you rest in peace, for you earned it.##imported-begin##Ted Rohrs##imported-end##

August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Arlene, Mike, Terry, Cheryl, So sorry to hear of your loss. Not only a loss for your family, but a loss for the church and community as well. I will always remember him for the support and encouragement he provided me growing up and the role model that he was. His servants heart will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Jim Nye##imported-end##

August 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ so sorry to hear the loss of your father Cheryl,my god comfort your family.##imported-begin##Mitch Warner(skippy)##imported-end##

August 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I was really saddened to hear about Jim.He was a man of so many irons in the fire all nurtured by a strong sense of humor. More importantly, however, he was a friend and I will miss him sam##imported-begin##Sam Mccoy##imported-end##

August 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ We are sorry for the family's loss and send our best wishes and blessings to the Hershberger family. Chris, Caroline and Taylor Rollins##imported-begin##Chris Rollins##imported-end##

August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ My Dad has lost a very good friend with the passing of Jim. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Betty Showman Fahy##imported-end##

August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Just wanted to say how saddened I am by your loss. Lifting your family in prayer at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Pam (fry) Franks##imported-end##

August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Our sincere sympathy for your loss. Jim was a great supporter of our Tree Commission and a sincere and helpful councilman. It was always a pleasure working with him. He was a very caring individual. May God's blessings be with you at this time of celebration for his life.##imported-begin##Bonnie And John Eddy##imported-end##

August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Mike and Holly, Sorry to hear about your Dad. Sending prayers your way.##imported-begin##Kay Showman##imported-end##

August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Cheryl Bair Gunn##imported-end##

August 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Arlene, Cheryl & Family: We were saddened to hear of Jim's passing. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God comfort you and give you peace during this difficult time. God Bless. Kay & Larry West##imported-begin##Kay & Larry West##imported-end##

August 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Mike and Holly, I'm so sorry to hear about your dad. Fathers are so important in our lives. I know there are times when I still think about mine and Lew's dad. They leave a big footprint on our lives. Please know that when I read about it from Pastor, I prayed for the same peace that the LORD gave me when Lew died that He would give you too. Such a blessing to have that peace. Many blessings as you go thru this time. Our Jesus is with you all the way. See you soon...much love to you both. Darla##imported-begin##Darla Eagy##imported-end##

August 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mike and Family, Please accept our deepest condolences on the passing of your father James. Sad for a moment but an eternity to be together very soon. We love you guys and are so glad to be a part of your eternal family. Praying for peace and comfort for you all at this time. Blessings and love, Jeff, Jill, Clayton, Olivia, Zachary, Gabriella, Sophia, Elijah, Julianna###imported-begin###Jeff Degier And Family###imported-end##

August 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Cheryl and Family I am so awfully sorry. Thinking of you!###imported-begin###Judi Cotter###imported-end##

August 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Hershberger Family, So sorry for your loss. Prayers for all of you. Matt, Jessica, and Caiden Cramer###imported-begin###Matt & Jessica Cramer###imported-end##

August 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Sending thoughts and prayers to the Hershberger family. May God be with you!###imported-begin###Cathy Bressler Hutchinson###imported-end##

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