



James Allan Durham

August 20, 1940 - November 22, 2023

James Allan Durham, 83, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away peacefully at his residence on Wednesday, November 22nd, 2023 with his family by his side. Jim was born August 20, 1940 in Napoleon, Ohio to the late Albert "EP" and Rosalie (Trautmann) Durham. He was a 1958 graduate of Florida High School. He served in the United States Army from 1961-1963.

Jim was a lifelong farmer and when he was younger helped construct grain silos. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Flatrock Twp. and regularly visited St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon, Ohio. He enjoyed bowling and was an avid baker and most of all, he enjoyed spending time on the farm.

He is survived by his daughter, Tammy Durham; grandsons, Harley and Ethan Dunakin; and a sister, Suzanne McColley. He was also preceded in death by a twin sister, Jane Hoeffel and his former wife, Gilda.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 AM on Monday, November 27th, 2023 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon, Ohio. Interment will follow at Cole Cemetery, where military honors will be conducted by the Napoleon American Legion.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, November 26, 2023 from 1-6 PM at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon and 9:30-10:30 AM at the church.

Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Flatrock Township.

Online condolences can be left at www.rodembergergray.com

Cemetery Details

Cole Cemetery

Florida, OH

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV **26**. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

NOV **27**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
1075 Glenwood Ave
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

JH

“ *The Hustons were close family friends with Ep and Rose, Jimmy, Jane, and Sudie. We often spent time on the farm visiting and stocking up on the best potatoes around. We spent weekends together at our identical cottages on Ribeck Lake in the 1960s, sitting around the campfire, roasting hot dogs and marshmallows and checking out the stars. Our Dad Pete and Ep were early friends in the 1930s when they worked at Huston’s Laundry and continued as fishing buddies in the UP later in life. I later worked with Rose in Medical Records at S.M.Heller Memorial Hospital in the 1970s. We’d see the kids occasionally throughout the years and would reminisce about those fun times of the past. We were saddened by Jane’s passing and now Jimmy’s. Our sincere condolences go out to Sudie and the Durham family.*

Janis L Huston

Janis L Huston - November 29, 2023 at 03:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Allan Durham.*



November 27, 2023 at 12:03 PM

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“ *Tim and Danielle ReBeau and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Allan Durham.*

Tim and Danielle ReBeau and family - November 27, 2023 at 12:03 PM

JH

“ *Jim was a great friend of mine and I will miss him. May Jim's family find peace during this difficult time.*

Janice (Germann) Hales

Janice Hales - November 26, 2023 at 07:29 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Tribute Video*



Rodenberger Funeral Home - November 25, 2023 at 04:32 PM

KV

“ *Jim was a great neighbor and good friend, always enjoyed talking with him. We will miss him. Kevin and Tammy Vajen*

Kevin Vajen - November 25, 2023 at 09:53 AM

“ 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.

Brigadier General (Retired) Mark W. Lee, United States Army

Dr. Mark Lee, BG (Retired) USA - November 25, 2023 at 09:36 AM

RS

I knew Jim for such a small amount of time. He was always smiling and eager to struck up conversation. I know Jim was a kind compassionate caring human being. Thank you Jim for serving also for being a great friend to a special neighbor. You will be missed.

Rebecca Sickmiller - November 25, 2023 at 10:38 PM

ML

“ I will truly miss this man, my cousin Jimmy. We enjoyed occasional talks on the phone, sharing a laugh and trading million dollar ideas. So thankful to have spent time with him twice this past year! Deep condolences to his family, and a big smile up to the heavens for James Durham.



Martha Loerke - November 24, 2023 at 04:26 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of James Allan Durham.



November 24, 2023 at 03:50 PM