



James "Jay" Agler

December 30, 1958 - October 8, 2025

James L. "Jay" Agler, 66, of Napoleon, Ohio, passed away on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center. In keeping with his generous spirit, Jay was honored to be an organ donor, giving the gift of life to others.

Born December 30, 1958, in Defiance, Ohio, he was the son of the late James W. and Carolyn (Lulfs) Agler. Jay was a 1977 graduate of Napoleon High School. He married Terri Canape on September 14, 1984, at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Napoleon.

Jay served the community for 28 years with the Henry County Highway Department, where he retired as the Superintendent. He also previously worked for Flatrock Township and Lee Groll Tree Trimming.

A dedicated public servant, Jay was a volunteer firefighter and first responder with the Flatrock Township Fire Department for 40 years, attaining the rank of Assistant Fire Chief. He was proud to receive the local Hometown Heroes Award.

Jay was deeply involved with the Henry County Fair, serving as both president and vice president of the Fair Board and as a board member for over 25 years. He received the Ohio Outstanding Fair Supporter Award, the Friends of 4-H and was inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame. To generations of young exhibitors when he served as a Jr. Fair Advisor, he was affectionately known as "Uncle Jay." He was also a strong supporter and advocate for the new events center at the Henry County fairgrounds.

He loved helping others, gave freely to his community, and looked forward to spreading joy and Christmas spirit each year serving as one of Santa's helpers.

Jay is survived by his loving wife, Terri; sons, Cody (Alysia) and Tyson (Kali); grandchildren, Bella and Nixon; siblings, David Agler and Penny (Jamie) Henderson; and niece and nephew, Nick and Katy Henderson and mother-in-law Ruth (Wentworth) Like.

He was preceded in death by grandparents Lester "Cap" and Marguerite Agler and Henry and Edith Lulfs.

Visitation will be held Sunday, October 12, from 1:00–7:00 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, Ohio, where a Fireman's Last Call Service will take place at 7:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Catholic Church, Napoleon, Ohio. Interment will be held at St. Augustine Catholic Cemetery with a luncheon to follow at the Henry County Event Center.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, memorial contributions may be made to the Henry County Ag Improvement Association. Online condolences may be shared at www.rodenbergergray.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Augustine's Cemetery

St. Rt. 108
Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT 12. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Fireman's Last Call Service

OCT 12. 7:00 PM (ET)

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1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Mass

OCT 13. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Augustine Catholic Church
726 Monroe St.
NAPOLEON, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

JH

“ *Terri and family
We're so sorry to hear of Jays passing. Let your memories bring you comfort and peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Jim and Cathy Harris*

Jim and Cathy Harris - October 13, 2025 at 02:51 PM

DB

“ *so sorry to hear about Jamie prayers*

dave Bost - October 13, 2025 at 02:22 PM

SP

“ *Our condolences to you and you family. Jay was a very special person. we saw him at the fair and spoke with him. Always had a smile. He will truly be missed. Jim and Sheryl Petersen*

Sheryl Petersen - October 13, 2025 at 11:47 AM

FS

“ *From Cassie and Tyquan Statham purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James "Jay" Agler.*



From Cassie and Tyquan Statham - October 11, 2025 at 06:57 PM

FS

“ From Cassie and Tyquan Statham planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jay" Agler.

From Cassie and Tyquan Statham - October 11, 2025 at 06:57 PM

JS

“ Justin & Amber Niese, family, and staff purchased the Blue and White Mums (Silk Cemetery Flowers) for the family of James "Jay" Agler.



Justin & Amber Niese, family, and staff - October 11, 2025 at 04:11 PM

JS

“ Justin & Amber Niese, family, and staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jay" Agler.

Justin & Amber Niese, family, and staff - October 11, 2025 at 04:11 PM

LH

“ He was a really hard working guy and was fun to be with

Levi Herman - October 11, 2025 at 03:50 PM

KL

“ My sympathy to you, Terri. Prayers to you and your family.

Kathleen Lieb - October 11, 2025 at 12:03 AM

HB

“ *Holly Brown purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of James "Jay" Agler.*



Holly Brown - October 10, 2025 at 10:55 PM

HB

“ *Holly Brown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jay" Agler.*

Holly Brown - October 10, 2025 at 10:55 PM

JS

“ *John & Jules Steele purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James "Jay" Agler.*



John & Jules Steele - October 10, 2025 at 08:38 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of James "Jay" Agler.*



October 10, 2025 at 07:15 PM

LB

“ Love, Evan, Danielle Vocke & Boys purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of James "Jay" Agler.



Love, Evan, Danielle Vocke & Boys - October 10, 2025 at 07:03 PM

JD

“ So many good memories of Jay from my teenage years as a junior fair board member working with Jay on the Sr fair board. He made the hard work fun. Such a fun and genuine person to be around!!!

Jackie Davis - October 10, 2025 at 04:49 PM

KD

“ Kelly D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jay" Agler.

Kelly D. - October 10, 2025 at 03:53 PM

NS

“ North Star Steel purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James "Jay" Agler.



North Star Steel - October 10, 2025 at 12:49 PM

NS

“ North Star Steel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jay" Agler.

North Star Steel - October 10, 2025 at 12:49 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jay" Agler.*



October 10, 2025 at 11:53 AM



“ *Mr and Mrs Tim Bowen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jay" Agler.*

Mr and Mrs Tim Bowen - October 10, 2025 at 11:53 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jay" Agler.*



October 10, 2025 at 11:42 AM



“ *It's not often you meet someone who leaves a lasting impression just by being genuine. He was one of the good guys, and I'm grateful I had the privilege to know him.*

Scott Palmer - October 10, 2025 at 08:47 AM

JR

“ *Josh and Amy Rettig purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James "Jay" Agler.*



Josh and Amy Rettig - October 09, 2025 at 06:53 PM