



# James Joseph Van Poppel

February 1, 1941 - March 13, 2023

James “Jim” J. Van Poppel, age 82, of Napoleon Ohio went to his heavenly home on March 13, 2023. His mind and body are no longer constrained by the effects of Parkinson’s disease. Jim was born on February 1, 1941 in Hamler Ohio the son of Angeline Schippers and Henry Van Poppel Sr. both of whom are deceased. He is also preceded in death by his sisters, Annie (Max) Miller, Susan (Bill) Latta, Mary (Ken) Klear, and brother, Hank (Jan) Van Poppel. He is survived by his sisters, Dorothy Van Poppel of Chardon, Ohio, Evelyn (Vern) Good of Murfreesboro, Tenn., Kathy (Carl) Sanniti of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, and his brother Robert Van Poppel of Whispering Pines, N.C. He was raised on a farm where he learned the importance of family and hard work. He was a graduate of Hamler High School in 1957 and soon after obtained a mechanical certificate from a trade school in St. Louis. Jim could fix just about anything, and he excelled in many of the trades like welding and woodworking. He started and sold two successful local companies: J & C Repair in Napoleon and Fulton County Processing in Delta.

He married Emma “Cookie” Morris on July 13, 1963, in New Bavaria, Ohio. They had four children: Barb (Mike) Schudel of Kalamazoo, Michigan, Patty (Randy) Luther of Marysville, Ohio, Angela (Rob) Schermerhorn of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Joe Van Poppel of Napoleon, Michigan. In addition, there are eleven grandchildren whom he loved to call teekas: Joshua Schudel, Sarah Schudel, Isaac Luther, Matthew Schudel, Grace Luther, Henry Luther, Emme Van Poppel, Holden Van Poppel, Rylan Schermerhorn, Elle Van Poppel, and Bryson Schermerhorn.

As hobbies Jim enjoyed woodworking, flying, and giving new life to old Willys Jeeps. He especially loved spending time with family and friends at the cabin in Michigan. Many a day was spent riding 4-wheelers and playing bocce ball.

Jim was a child of God and a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church in Napoleon. Friends and family will be received at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home in Napoleon, Ohio on Sunday, March 19, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Services will be held on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Augustine Catholic Church, Napoleon, Ohio. A private interment will take place at a future date. Memorial contributions may be made to The Parkinson’s Foundation ([www.parkinson.org](http://www.parkinson.org)) and the Ridgeville Township Fire

Department. Online condolences to the family may be made at [www.rodembergergray.com](http://www.rodembergergray.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Augustine's Cemetery

St. Rt. 108  
Napoleon, OH 43545

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAR 19. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Video*



**Rodenberger Funeral Home** - March 28, 2023 at 03:11 PM

WW

“ *Cookie and children. We are so sorry for your loss. Jim was such a great guy he will be missed by all that knew him. Gods Blessings to all of you will and Pat wagner*

**Will and Pat Wagner** - March 20, 2023 at 12:25 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Joseph Van Poppel.*



March 19, 2023 at 09:28 AM

FC

“ *Fulton County Economic Development Corp purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Joseph Van Poppel.*



**Fulton County Economic Development Corp** - March 18, 2023 at 04:36 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Joseph Van Poppel.*



March 18, 2023 at 12:06 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Joseph Van Poppel.*



March 17, 2023 at 05:21 PM

RF

“ *Roger & Debbie Miller & Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of James Joseph Van Poppel.*



**Roger & Debbie Miller & Family** - March 17, 2023 at 04:22 PM

SA

“ *Steve and Bonnie Allen purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of James Joseph Van Poppel.*



**Steve and Bonnie Allen** - March 17, 2023 at 01:14 PM

JH

“ *Jan Hamilton purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Joseph Van Poppel.*



**Jan Hamilton** - March 16, 2023 at 04:33 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Joseph Van Poppel.*



March 16, 2023 at 02:50 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of James Joseph Van Poppel.*



March 16, 2023 at 12:56 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Joseph Van Poppel.*



March 16, 2023 at 11:47 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of James Joseph Van Poppel.*



March 16, 2023 at 09:24 AM

DS

“ *Sincere condolences to the family. I did not know Jim but consider his grandson Isaac a good friend. The many positive things I see in Isaac, I am sure are a result of a solid upbringing influenced in great part by Jim. Rest in peace.*

**Daniel Szymanski** - March 16, 2023 at 09:18 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James Joseph Van Poppel.*



March 16, 2023 at 08:44 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of James Joseph Van Poppel.



March 15, 2023 at 11:58 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of James Joseph Van Poppel.



March 15, 2023 at 08:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James Joseph Van Poppel.



March 15, 2023 at 05:12 PM

TF

“ *The Ranger Ott family* purchased the *Medium Dish Garden* for the family of James Joseph Van Poppel.



**The Ranger Ott family** - March 15, 2023 at 03:18 PM



“ *Sacred Garden Spray* was purchased for the family of James Joseph Van Poppel.



March 15, 2023 at 12:21 PM

RI

“ We meet people in our work lives who we might never have met , I am truly grateful to have known Jim. He was one of the "good" ones. I enjoyed his sense of humor, his sense of honor and his business sense.. I liked, trusted and respected him. Jim set the tone for Fulton County Processing, making it a great company to work for and to work with. I can honestly say that all of our Buckeye, Paragon, and Midwest family of employees who knew Jim feel the same way. Rest in peace friend. We will miss you.  
Sincerely,

*Rich Ison*

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**Rich Ison** - March 15, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of James Joseph Van Poppel.



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March 15, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of James Joseph Van Poppel.



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March 15, 2023 at 11:13 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet* was purchased for the family of James Joseph Van Poppel.



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March 15, 2023 at 09:57 AM

JK

“ I spent 17 years with Jim. He was just like a second father to me. I am very grateful for having the opportunity to spend these years with a man who made the world a better place as he left than it was when he entered. Jim will always be sadly missed.

Jeff Kunkel - March 15, 2023 at 08:02 AM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of James Joseph Van Poppel.



March 15, 2023 at 07:55 AM

MV

“ The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise” (Proverbs 11:30).

*Jim Van Poppel my boss, mentor and friend.*

*Humor in one moment, wisdom in the next. Rare the man with both!*

*Forever grateful our paths crossed.*

*To my friend and winner of souls.....rest in peace.*

*Mary Jo Vella FCP.*

Mary Jo Vella - March 14, 2023 at 11:09 PM