



Jan Burkhard

March 2, 1947 - May 30, 2019

Jan Allan Burkhard of Napoleon, age 72, passed away from cancer on Thursday, May 30, 2019 surrounded by loved ones. He was born in Norfolk, Virginia on March 2, 1947 to the late Dr. Allan Burkhard and Onalee (Stacey) Burkhard. He graduated in 1965 from North High School in Springfield, Ohio. After high school, Jan attended the Ohio State University and graduated in 1969 with a Bachelor's of Science degree in agricultural economics. He was a life-long farmer who had a knack for improving farming equipment and creating innovative machinery. Jan lived in southwest Iowa for thirteen years, raising hogs, a few cows and other critters, and farming row crops. He moved his farming operation to Henry County in 1989, where he has lived and farmed since, raising mostly corn and soybeans. Additionally, he also worked for ten years for Henry County Soil and Water Conservation District and for the Fulton County commissioners for four years, doing work with ditch maintenance, grant writing, and the county airport.

In 1993, Jan married Sandra Wilson. Together they liked riding horses and spending time spoiling their grandkids. For fun, they would travel west and improve their horsemanship skills at working ranches and clinics, as well as helping friends work cattle in Kansas. They were even known to "rob" trains on horseback as part of a southern-Ohio charity event. Jan also had a passion for flying, earning his pilot's license in the late 1970s, and enjoyed keeping an eye on his crops from the air. He was a hobby model railroader in HO scale and the grandkids loved watching Papa run his trains. Another of Jan's

interests was discussing politics and their implications for agriculture. He was preceded in death by his parents, with his father passing away in March of 2012 and his mother in July of 2014. He is survived by his wife of twenty-five years, Sandra; his two daughters, Onalee (Brian) Pierce and Noreen (Eric) Nichols; four grandchildren, Anson, Clay, Ila, and Edy; his brother Mark, of Port Charlotte, Florida; his sister, Susan (Michael) Noble of Delaware, Ohio; and many cousins, three nephews and one niece. He loved his family fiercely and was always willing to do anything to lend a helping hand—from plumbing emergencies to engineering a shed to babysitting the grand-dogs.

In Jan's memory, the family would like to strongly encourage the farming community to take every precaution when using glyphosphate products: they really are deadly.

Family and friends will be received at Rodenberger-Gray funeral home in Napoleon on Saturday, June 8, 2019 from 11am-1pm with a memorial service to follow at 1pm.

In Lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorials to the Lymphoma Society PO Box 98018

Washington DC 20090-8018.

Online condolences may be made at www.rodenbergergray.com

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JUN 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Jan Burkhard.* ”



June 11, 2019 at 02:50 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jan Burkhard.* ”



June 06, 2019 at 04:10 PM



“ *Josh & Alysha purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jan Burkhard.* ”



Josh & Alysha - June 06, 2019 at 11:09 AM



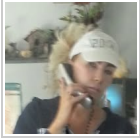
“ *Sending my sincere sympathy for Jan's Family. I worked with Jan in both Henry County and Fulton County and he always had a smile. So sorry to hear about his battle with cancer. Anita Creager* ”

Anita Creager - June 04, 2019 at 09:58 PM

AP

“ So sorry Aunt Sandy for your loss. I know he must of been a great guy even though we never met him. Keeping you in our prayers .
Love Ann & Rick

Ann Prince - June 04, 2019 at 04:49 PM



“ Although unfortunately we did not have a lot of contact with the Burkhard side as a young girl...I did have the opportunity to meet Jan a few years back & was very impressed with his "Salt of the Earth" & Gentle soul persona...I'm sorry we didn't have more time to really get to know each other-you will be missed & remembered with love ALWAYS! <3

Kristen Cole

cousin

* LOVE you Sandy!!!! <3 !!!

Kristen Cole - June 04, 2019 at 04:27 PM

KC

“ Kristen (Custer) & Mark Cole purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Jan Burkhard.



Kristen (Custer) & Mark Cole - June 04, 2019 at 04:18 PM

MN

“ Mr.Randy&Kelly Nichols purchased the Serene R etreat for the family of Jan Burkhard.



Mr.Randy&Kelly Nichols - June 03, 2019 at 07:51 PM

MF

“ *Maria Gonzales and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jan Burkhard.*



Maria Gonzales and Family - June 03, 2019 at 04:57 PM

TG

“ *Jan was truly a great guy. I've known him virtually my entire life as I am the sole Grandson of Walter Clifton. When Jan and I were youngsters there was a lot of family interaction. Sorry to have heard of his passing. Tom Galloway*

Tom Galloway - June 02, 2019 at 09:36 AM