



Jefferey "Jeff" Rahmel

January 10, 1946 - April 21, 2026

Jefferey "Jeff" David Rahmel, 80, of Napoleon, Ohio, passed away on Tuesday, April 21, 2026. He was born on January 10, 1946, to the late Paul and Elizabeth (Franzdorf) Rahmel. On January 11, 1996, he married his loving wife Karen Kay Wallace, in Napoleon, Ohio and they spent 30 loving years together.

Jeff and Karen were members of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Napoleon. Jeff graduated from BGSU with his bachelor's degree in business and was a proud falcon. Jeff also held his pilot's license for several years and loved taking his family members for rides. In fact, Karen and Jeff's first date was a plane ride. He was an excellent builder, craftsman and handyman and could often be found constructing big projects in his spare time. He volunteered at Nature's Nursery, loved golfing on the weekends and spending time with his family and cats. Jeff was an avid reader, and Civil War expert. He enjoyed classical music and loved ham radios. He was a member of the Henry County Amateur Radio Club. Jeff and Karen often traveled. Their favorite vacation spot was the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

Jeff is survived by his loving wife, Karen; children, Jennifer (Sean) Moriarty and Rachel (Dan) Baldwin; step-children, Lisa (Mike) Creager, Amy Hoover, Steve (Lauren) Wallace, and Heather Wallace Kasprzyk; 18 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; siblings, Steve(Janie) Rahmel, Rachel (Chris) Hanes;

and Becky (Chuck) Ellis; sister-in-law, Tina Knoff; brother-in-law, Jack Lorenz; many nieces and nephews as well as his fur babies Bubbie, Kit Kit and Butterscotch. In addition to his parents, Jeff was preceded in death by his first wife, Sandy Rahmel.

Family and friends are invited to calling hours at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Monday, April 27, 2026, from 10:00am until 12:00pm noon with a memorial service being held at 12pm noon. A private burial will follow at Glenwood Cemetery, Napoleon. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed towards Nature's Nursery or Henry County Humane Society. Online condolences may also be left for the family at rodenbergergray.com.

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Cemetery

291 Glenwood Ave
Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

APR 27. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Memorial Service

APR 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

HC

“ Karen and family, I'm so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. He was a great father-in-law for many years! Never a dull moment with him around! Love to all of you. - Heidi

Heidi Crawford - April 28 at 04:37 PM

LI

“ So sorry for your loss Karen and family may God's blessings be with you and your family.

Larry B. Ashbaugh II - April 27 at 06:55 PM

VG

“ What joy Jeff must have felt when he entered the gates of Heaven. Whenever we would see each other I'd hear my name and we would catch up. And as he was driving past the house and I'd be outside, I'd hear a big Hi! Remembering when all the kids hung out in the neighborhood so many years ago. Many stories. Lol. Jeff will be missed. He was a blessing to all who were lucky to know him. Praying for all of you in the days ahead.

Vicki Glick - April 24 at 04:29 PM

SR

Vicki, Right you are. I have known him since the day I was born, Mom told him to teach me how to tie my own shoes and I continued to learn from him for 79 years. You have been my friend and bro my whole life. Say hi to Sandy, Karen, penny and Stevie for me. Kick back and enjoy the loving arms that are around you, I will miss you. Keep your powder dry big bro till we meet again., little bro

steve rahmel - April 29 at 12:31 PM

BE

Best big brother ever. He and brother Steve taught me how to drive a stick shift with a few off color jokes and comments thrown in. I put my first prom dress on lay away and when I went to pick it up, he had paid for it. We could talk about all kinds of things and we respected each others opinion. You will be missed big brother. I know you are with your beloved Sandy and all the ones we love that have gone before. Stay safe in God's loving arms till we meet again. Your loving sister, Becky



Becky Ellis - May 07 at 09:42 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jefferey "Jeff" Rahmel.



April 22 at 06:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jefferey "Jeff" Rahmel.

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