



Jerry Lee Hershberger

November 26, 1936 - December 31, 2024

Jerry Lee Hershberger, 88, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away on December 31, 2024, at home under the care of Hospice of Northwest Ohio. He was born in Malinta, Ohio on November 26, 1936, to the late M. Hazel (Dietrich) Hershberger. On April 24, 1965, he married Marilyn Nye at St. John Lutheran Church – Freedom Township.

Jerry proudly served his country in the Army Reserves. He was a recent member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Okolona and previously a long time member of Trinity Lutheran Church - Malinta. He was employed by the Campbell Soup Company for 28 years. He was a hard worker and after he retired, he worked at the Filling Home and for the Henry County Fairgrounds. Jerry enjoyed bowling, pheasant hunting, and fishing in his spare time, but always made time for golfing and playing cards with his friends. He especially loved spending time with his family and spoiling his grandchildren.

Jerry is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Marilyn; children, Chad (Robin) Hershberger, and Tim “TJ” (Amy) Hershberger; grandchildren, Eric and Brooke; and sisters-in-law, Marilyn E. Hershberger, Susan Nye, and Jennifer Nye; and brother-in-law, Todd Nye. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Howard (Irma) Overhulse, Erma (Hershall) Ludeman, James (Arlene) Hershberger, Robert Hershberger, and brother-in-law Gary Nye

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon on Friday, January 17, 2025, from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM. A memorial service will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Okolona on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Memorial contributions may be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, the Filling home of Mercy, or the Henry County Ag Improvement Association. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JAN 17. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Memorial Gathering

JAN 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona
30997 Gerken Road
Defiance, OH 43512

Memorial Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Hershberger.*



January 16, 2025 at 05:33 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy on this tremendous loss. Prayers for your comfort and care.*

Carol Agler - January 16, 2025 at 10:27 AM

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“ From the fields, forests, plains of Africa and war-torn Europe, to the frozen tundra of Korea, 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 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.
Major General (Retired) Mark W. Lee, United States Army

MG (R) Dr. Mark W. Lee - January 14, 2025 at 09:20 PM



“ *"Angels' Arms" Picture Perfect 30" Chime was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Hershberger.*



January 08, 2025 at 08:23 AM