



Jerry J. Palmer

May 3, 1934 - March 6, 2025

Jerry J. Palmer, 90, of Napoleon, Ohio, passed away peacefully at his home on the farm on March 6, 2025. He was born on May 3, 1934, to Glen and Estella (Shultz) Palmer.

A lifelong farmer, Jerry dedicated his life to working the land, following in his father's footsteps. He also proudly served as a Napoleon School bus driver, safely transporting countless children over the years. He was a familiar, friendly face to many students and families in the community.

On June 5, 1954, Jerry married Mary Lou Saneholtz, and together they built a life centered around family, faith, and hard work. Mary Lou preceded him in death in 2019. Also preceding him in death a brother Ronald Palmer.

In addition to farming, Jerry worked for Henry County Soil and Water, where he played a key role in conservation efforts. One of the things he enjoyed most about his work was delivering no-till planters to the county's farmers, helping them adopt sustainable farming practices.

Jerry held various seasonal jobs throughout his life, including his time at Napoleon Creamery, where he operated the butter cutting machinery and drove a milk truck route, delivering dairy products to families and county schools. He also served as a Harrison Township Trustee for 12 years, where he worked to support the community and its residents.

Beyond his dedication to work, Jerry inherited a prankster's talent and will be fondly remembered for his quick wit and sense of humor. His past colleagues and friends will never forget the jokes, tricks, and laughter he brought to the

workplace.

Jerry is survived by his sister Marlene Saul, Wauseon, OH and children: Doug Palmer (Vickie), Wauseon, OH Joan Meyer (husband Todd), Maumee OH, and youngest son Todd Palmer, Napoleon OH. He was a proud grandfather to five grandchildren: Brianne (Jason) Kramer, Cedar City Utah, Amanda (Mike) Martynowicz, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Tom Palmer (Rachel) Bryan, OH, Maggie (Jace) Durham, Burlington, NC and Molly (Robby) Outland of Cary NC; 5 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews and five great-grandchildren, all of whom brought him immense joy.

A funeral service will be held at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home in Napoleon on Saturday, March 15, 2025 @ 11:00am. A visitation will take place the evening prior, on Friday, March 14, from 3:00 to 7:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Henry County Humane Society or the Sharon Church Memorial Fund.

Cemetery Details

Grelton Cemetery

Grelton, OH 43523

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

MAR 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TT

“ *The Laird Trial Consulting Team purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jerry J. Palmer.*



The Laird Trial Consulting Team - March 13, 2025 at 04:14 PM

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“ *The Laird Trial Consulting Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry J. Palmer.*

The Laird Trial Consulting Team - March 13, 2025 at 04:14 PM

RR

“ *Doug, Joan and Todd:
We're sorry for the loss of your dad. I always appreciated his energy and sense of humor. This world won't be quite the same without him!
We hope you are all well. We would have liked to catch up a bit at visitation, but we'll be in Columbus Friday and Saturday. We'll be thinking of you. We wish you the best life has to offer!
Take care,
Rob and Brenda Rettig*

Rob Rettig - March 10, 2025 at 02:19 PM

TP

Thank you, Rob and Brenda.

-Todd

Todd Palmer - March 15, 2025 at 08:56 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jerry J. Palmer.*



March 10, 2025 at 10:37 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. I knew him when he worked for my Dad at The Napoleon Creamery. He was always so jolly and so much fun to be around! I have many fond memories of him! Sending my sympathies, John and Jan (Grieser) Stover*

Jan Stover - March 09, 2025 at 01:11 PM



Thank you, Jan.

-Todd

Todd Palmer - March 15, 2025 at 08:56 AM



“ *Jerry was the greatest bus driver. My kids loved him. He had a way with kids. He was a very nice man, always cheerful and happy. Very honored to have known Jerry. My condolences to his family.*



Patti Davis - March 09, 2025 at 11:35 AM

TP

Thank you, Patti.

-Todd

Todd Palmer - March 15, 2025 at 08:57 AM

DO

“ 11 files added to the album Mom and dad



Doug - March 08, 2025 at 07:46 PM

CW

Good memories. Jerry told me many stories over the last year. I will miss him.

Cheryl Wyse - March 09, 2025 at 11:34 AM

JM

Doug, Joan, and Todd- so sad to hear about your dad's passing - he is with your Mom now and surely up to lots of shenanigans together!

I loved Uncle Jerry's laugh and his positive energy when our families were together. Much love and peace to you! Sorry I could not make it from here in Colorado but you are in my heart, always.

Janet Ann Masters - March 14, 2025 at 01:33 PM