



Joel Donald Kerwin

February 24, 1961 - March 22, 2025

Joel Donald Kerwin, 64, of Napoleon Ohio, following a day surrounded by family, was called to rest while his brother was at his side, on March 22, 2025. He was born in Bowling Green, Ohio to Roger and Janet (McClure) Kerwin on February 24, 1961.

Joel was a proud member and District Commander of the Sons of The American Legion in McClure where he poured himself into serving the community. He was Chairman of the Radish Festival, took various roles in the annual Memorial Day parade, organized the annual McClure Open, and so much more. Joel was a member of Country Chapel Christian Union Church and the Napoleon Moose Lodge. He loved to immerse himself in history and sci-fi novels and found entertainment in discussing the politics of the day.

Joel made a career in propane, working at various companies (such as Pearl Gas and Napoleon Propane) predominantly in the McClure and Napoleon areas. He climbed the ladder from painting tanks and delivering propane, to management.

Joel is survived by his mother, Janet Kerwin, daughter, Amanda (Jeremy) Durham; son Derrick (Mariah) Kerwin; previous wife, Cheryl Kerwin; grandchildren, Vincent Durham, Oliver Durham, Harvey Kerwin, and Eleanor Kerwin; brothers, Mark (Ann) Kerwin, Matthew (Michele) Kerwin; and uncle,

Duane Kerwin. He is preceded in death by his father Roger Kerwin, and uncle Marvin Kerwin.

A visitation for Joel will be held on Friday, March 28, 2025, from 3PM until 6PM at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon. A funeral service for Joel will be held at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at 1PM, with an hour of visitation prior to services. Memorial Contributions can be made to The McClure American Legion or Relay For Life of Henry County. Condolences may also be left for the family online at www.rodenbergergray.com.

Cemetery Details

Hockman Cemetery

100 Township HWY O4
Corner of County Road O4 and Township
Road 3A
McClure, OH 43534

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

MAR 29. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

MAR 29. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

DW

“ RIP my friend. We had so many good times. Working at Pearl together, you trying to teach Joyce and I how to play D&D, loading up a gang and going to Sam's for dinner. Watching the Michigan Ohio State game at the Legion. Every year you stole my Michigan doll and took it in the mens restroom. Thinking i wouldnt go in and get it. And just hanging out having a beer or two and chatting about anything and everything. Your laugh was contagious. McClure lost one of the best ones this week. Sympathy and peace to the whole Kerwin family.

Deb Middleton Wensink - March 28, 2025 at 12:03 PM

JR

Rest in peace my friend. Thank you for saving my son from himself and for being there. We will miss you dearly. God give you peace and no more pain. 🙏 peace and healing to your family! Until we meet again.

Joyce Reinbolt - March 28, 2025 at 03:48 PM

LJ

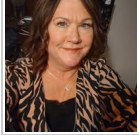
“ Dear Janet & family,
Joey, you were a darling little boy & a challenge for the babysitter. Lots of good memories. Janet my heart goes out to you & your family. May Gods arms comfort you in this time of sorrow.
Linda Johnson & Judy Glanz

Linda Johnson - March 27, 2025 at 07:33 PM

AS

“ Prayers and thoughts are with your family at this difficult time....my God give you comfort and peace Betty Light and Amy Smith .

Amy Smith - March 26, 2025 at 03:14 PM



“ Oh Joel, you were always ready for an interesting conversation. You opened your home to Dean and even a couch for Tom when needed. You honored us with your beautiful voice at our wedding. I loved watching you dance and your exuberant laugh will forever be in our minds. Your endless dedication to the Legion inspired much deserved respect. Countless beers sparked so many memories... Cheers my friend! You will be missed by many.

Amy Nickels - March 26, 2025 at 09:09 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joel Donald Kerwin.



March 26, 2025 at 08:21 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joel Donald Kerwin.



March 26, 2025 at 08:14 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to the Kerwin family.

Larry & Linda Martin - March 25, 2025 at 06:37 PM

AK

“ Sending our deepest sympathies to you all during this difficult time. We will always remember Joel's contagious laugh and how he could brighten your day!

Much Love,
Alan & Vicki Kerwin

Alan Kerwin - March 25, 2025 at 05:38 PM

TF

“ The Butch and Judy Rohrs Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joel Donald Kerwin.



The Butch and Judy Rohrs Family - March 25, 2025 at 01:48 PM

TF

“ Tom Wagner, Holly Barrera and families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joel Donald Kerwin.



Tom Wagner, Holly Barrera and families - March 25, 2025 at 12:31 PM

KM

“ Kristen Milius purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joel Donald Kerwin.



Kristen Milius - March 24, 2025 at 02:19 PM

TR

“ Thomas, Kim, Ralph (Butch), Patricia & Cheryl Ramey purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Joel Donald Kerwin.



Thomas, Kim, Ralph (Butch), Patricia & Cheryl Ramey -
March 24, 2025 at 10:17 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joel Donald Kerwin.

March 24, 2025 at 08:16 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Joel Donald Kerwin.



March 24, 2025 at 08:16 AM

DR

“ Janet and the Kerwin family, We are sending you our deepest sympathy. Friends and memories will keep him close each day.
Darrel and Sharon Rettig



Darrel and Sharon Rettig - March 23, 2025 at 09:15 PM

RK

“ Rebecca Kerr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joel Donald Kerwin.

Rebecca Kerr - March 23, 2025 at 07:48 PM

RK

“ Rebecca Kerr purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Joel Donald Kerwin.



Rebecca Kerr - March 23, 2025 at 07:48 PM



“ I remember Joel as always smiling and having the biggest laugh. Such a loss for his family and our town. Keeping you all in my prayers.

Wendy Carlston - March 23, 2025 at 05:56 PM

JS

“ Jim and Steve Sworden purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joel Donald Kerwin.



Jim and Steve Sworden - March 23, 2025 at 05:17 PM

KS

“ Keith and Eva Sorrells planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joel Donald Kerwin.

Keith and Eva Sorrells - March 23, 2025 at 11:51 AM

KS

“ Keith and Eva Sorrells purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joel Donald Kerwin.



Keith and Eva Sorrells - March 23, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joel Donald Kerwin.



March 23, 2025 at 01:41 AM

BF

“ RIP ol' friend. My deepest condolences to the Kerwin family. Prayers that your memories help bring you peace.



Bonnie Floro - March 22, 2025 at 10:49 PM

CK

“ *Connie king lit a candle in memory of Joel Kerwin*



Connie king - March 22, 2025 at 08:17 PM



“ *You'll be missed by all of your family and friends Joel, we had some good times at the radish fest, I'll never forget the times we shared cooking brats, rest easy my friend, Bubba* 😞😞😞

Jeremy Plotts - March 22, 2025 at 07:55 PM