



John Damman

March 31, 1927 - January 24, 2022

John Damman, 94, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away at his home on Monday, January 24, 2022. He was born in Petersdorf, Romania on March 31, 1927 to Martin and Sophia (Teutsch) Grampes. After the death of his father, his mother remarried and he was adopted in 1932 by William Damman. John married Phyllis Meyer on September 21, 1952, at Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Ohio.

John was a lifelong member of St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township, where he also attended school. John was a active member of the church, who faithfully served in many roles within the church. He proudly served his country in the US Army during WWII and was a member of the American Legion. John served in the 65th Signal Battalion and was stationed in Germany for a year. After the war he started the Gerald Tile company in 1948 with his brother Martin, making concrete drainage tile. In 1966 he became the sole owner of the business which was in business until 1993. John spent the next 22 years as a substitute rural route mail carrier for the United States Postal Service. When he wasn't working, John enjoyed woodworking and making concrete landscaping pavers, edgings, and flowerpots. His greatest joy was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren which he would entertain with his harmonica.

John is survived by his children, Dennis (Debra) Damman, Sharon (Ed)

Hemenway, Dale (Dorinda) Damman; 5 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and sister, Marianne. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis; and siblings, Hellen, Fred, Martin, and Franklin.

Friends and family will be received at St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township, on Friday, January 28, 2022, from 9:30 AM until the time of services at 11:00 AM. Services will be livestreamed from the church website at www.sjl.org. Interment will take place at the church cemetery with military honors accorded by the Ridgeville American Legion and US Army Honor Guard. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Lutheran Church Endowment Fund or a charity of your choice. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com.

Cemetery Details

St. John Lutheran Freedom Township Cemetery

16035 Co Rd U
Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 28. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township
16035 County Road U
Napoleon, OH 43545

Funeral Service

JAN 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Video*



Rodenberger Funeral Home - February 04, 2022 at 11:06 AM

DD

“ *My Sympathy*

Dean Damman

Dean Damman - January 29, 2022 at 01:47 PM

MB

“ *Uncle Johny,
You were quick to laugh and always so kind. You will be missed.
Hey, reserve a good room for me up there.*

Mark Brackmann - January 28, 2022 at 06:49 PM

CH

“ *I love him so much he will be missed!*

Chad - January 28, 2022 at 09:55 AM

CM

“ My deepest sympathies to Dennis, Sharon and Dale as well as your families . I just I learned of Uncle Johnny passing last night. I'm just seeing funeral arrangements now on line and won't be able to get there this morning. So, so many memories another loss but Uncle Johnnys gain for everlasting peace, joy and love. My love to each of you. Love Connie

Connie Maassel - January 28, 2022 at 08:54 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Damman.



January 27, 2022 at 06:17 PM

SM

“ Our deepest sympathy in the loss of Uncle Johnny. We are still in Florida but wanted to extend our sympathy in you loss. Love to all.

Sid and Cathy Miller - January 27, 2022 at 06:07 PM

CR

“ CJ and Dianna Russell purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Damman.



CJ and Dianna Russell - January 27, 2022 at 03:27 PM

“ From the fields and forests of war-torn Europe to the jungles of Southeast Asia, from the deserts of 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 ultimately 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 the pride in developing one’s own character, serving a cause far greater than self-interest. Every man and woman 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.

COL (Retired) Mark W. Lee, USA

DD

We are proud of Dad being in the American Military Service with many others who gave it all. Thanks for your commentary.

Denny Damman - January 27, 2022 at 09:46 PM

DD

I would like to thank each one of you for thinking of us and remembering our father at this time! Family meant everything to dad and he would be pleased to know that extended family was thinking of him! God bless all of you. Thank you.

Dale Damman - January 28, 2022 at 07:55 PM

LR

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at your time of loss, may God go with you as you live the memories of your family time. Walt & Lois Rosebrock

Lois Rosebrock - February 03, 2022 at 03:49 PM