



## John Robert Hartzell

February 4, 1940 - July 9, 2022

John Robert Hartzell, 82, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away on Saturday, July 9, 2022. He was born in Defiance, Ohio on February 4, 1940 to Victor and Margaret (Walentic) Hartzell. John was a 1957 graduate of Defiance High School and worked as a licensed plumber and pipefitter for Local #50 until he retired. John proudly served his country in the US Army. On October 30, 1965 John married Peggy Ann Hefflinger.

John was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church, Napoleon. He enjoyed golfing, bowling, and shooting pool in local tournaments. John was an accomplished woodworker and built his own home. He was also a talented welder and built 2 custom motorcycles. John was very fond of his faithful canine companions.

He is survived by his children, Jennifer Werner, and Toby (Terri) Hartzell; former wife, Peggy Arroyo; grandchildren, Callie Werner, Regina Werner, Sarah Hartzell, and Natalie Hartzell; siblings, Victor Jr. (Helen) Hartzell, Rita Hasselschwert, Gerald (Julie) Hartzell, Roger (Jane) Hartzell, Tony Hartzell, Donald "Bo" (Jeanie) Hartzell; brother-in-law, Faye Greene; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by brothers, Raymond and Paul; sisters, Joanne, Martha, Marianne, Elizabeth, Suzanne, and Sarah; nephew, Michael; and brother-in-law, Norman Hasselschwert.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon on Sunday, July 17, 2022 from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Augustine Catholic Church on Monday, July 18, 2022 at 10:30 AM. Interment at the church cemetery will follow with military honors. Memorial contributions may be made to the Henry County Humane Society or a charity of your choice. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Augustine's Cemetery

St. Rt. 108  
Napoleon, OH 43545

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUL 17. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

JUL 18. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Augustine Catholic Church  
726 Monroe St.  
NAPOLEON, OH 43545

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Video*



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**Rodenberger Funeral Home** - August 03, 2022 at 09:20 AM

AB

“ *I spent quite a few years having the privilege to work with John. Both of us being members of Local 50. You couldn't ask for a better man or human being to have on your team. The world has lost a good and decent man. My heart felt condolences to the family.*

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**Allen S. Blake** - July 17, 2022 at 09:20 PM

DL

“ *Many fond memories shared with John playing pool 🎱 as teammates at Noel's. Also the couple trips to Columbus for state tournaments. Enjoyed riding Harleys with him as well. Wanted to come to the funeral home, but due to my own health problems, I won't be able to make it. RIP John! Till we meet again!!*



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**Dave (Oleo) Leow** - July 17, 2022 at 02:22 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Robert Hartzell.*



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July 16, 2022 at 06:25 PM



“ *I first met John in our first year of apprentice school in Toledo. We became work work and trade friends very quickly. I worked with John and for him several times. He was always the same, never got upset or did anything but just got the work done. Just a fine man to be around. When he was building his house I rode my Harley to see the progress. He was beyond a craftsman and an artist in his craft. He always told me stories about his two children. He was very proud of Jenny and Toby. I can only say that he was one of the very finest men I met working as a fitter. My praise for him is genuine and I am sorry to see of us passing. I am going to miss him a great deal. Tom Pomeroy*

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**Thomas Pomeroy** - July 16, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *I have fond memories of the Hartzell family growing up. . . motorcycles, welding for my dad, swimming in the pond, playing with Jenny and Toby.*

*My condolences to the family.  
John was a great man.*

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**Elizabeth Yagel** - July 15, 2022 at 12:51 PM

JH

“ John ,my dad and I enjoyed many rounds of golf together. John along with Sadie his best friend visited me many times in the hospital nursing home and at home while recovering which man a great deal to me. What a great friend.

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**John R Hines** - July 15, 2022 at 11:58 AM

BB

“ Loved the golfing trips to Houston. This is one of the truly great guys I have ever met.

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**Bob Brown** - July 14, 2022 at 07:30 PM

“ From the frozen tundra of Korea to fields and forests of war-torn Europe 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 the 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.

COL (Retired) Mark W. Lee, USA

RH

“ *Many good time with John many pool games on same team will be missed Rest In Peace my friend.* ”

Robert Hutchison - July 14, 2022 at 06:04 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of John Robert Hartzell.* ”



July 13, 2022 at 09:48 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Robert Hartzell.* ”



July 13, 2022 at 06:00 PM