



John Leon Hillis

October 19, 1938 - August 13, 2024

John Leon Hillis, 85, of Defiance, Ohio passed away on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at Orchard Villa in Oregon, Ohio. He was born in Napoleon, Ohio on October 19, 1938, to the late Robert and Vera (Yaichner) Hillis. On October 19, 1960, he married Judith Ann Sheeley at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon.

John worked for General Motors for over 30 years and was also a lifelong farmer. He enjoyed collecting toy tractors and working on his John Deere tractors. John loved his horses and racing at Raceway Park. He was an outdoorsman who liked to fish and go coon hunting.

John is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Judy; children, Joni (Cheryl) Hillis and Julie (Jim) Gallacher; grandchildren, Joshua Beal, Matthew Light, Savannah Hillis, Aria Hillis, and Caleb Hillis; great grandson, Matthew Beal; siblings, Mary (Don) Wiemken, and Charles (Barb) Hillis; and sister-in-law, Mary Alice Hillis. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, John Jr. "Skeeter", and brother Ronald Hillis.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Sunday, August 18, 2024, from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Funeral services will be held at Restoration Church, Defiance, on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Interment will

follow at Riverview Memory Gardens, Defiance. Memorial contributions may be made to Restoration Church or Orchard Villa. Online condolences may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Memory Gardens

29321 County Rd 424
Defiance, OH 43512

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 18. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Public Viewing

AUG 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Restoration Tabernacle
9119 Christy Rd.
Defiance, OH 43512

Funeral Service

AUG 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ Julie, Jim Gallacher and family - we are so very sorry for your loss! Please know we are praying for you and sending our love! -Pastor David & Robin and the Discover Life Church Family.

David Bandy - August 18, 2024 at 06:58 PM

YF

“ Your Clarksville Friends purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of John Leon Hillis.



Your Clarksville Friends - August 17, 2024 at 11:36 AM

GF

“ Gallacher/Spratt/Reising families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Leon Hillis.



Gallacher/Spratt/Reising families - August 16, 2024 at 08:36 PM

GF

“ Gallacher/Spratt/Reising families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Leon Hillis.

Gallacher/Spratt/Reising families - August 16, 2024 at 08:36 PM

AL

“ Alan lit a candle in memory of John Hillis



Alan - August 15, 2024 at 10:06 AM

BR

“ Barb & Ron Rosebrook lit a candle in memory of John Hillis



Barb & Ron Rosebrook - August 14, 2024 at 05:16 PM

LL

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of John. May peace and comfort surround you. I enjoyed my conversations with John and hunting!



Len L. - August 14, 2024 at 02:25 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Leon Hillis.



August 14, 2024 at 02:14 PM