



## John William Schwiebert

February 11, 1940 - December 24, 2025

John William Schwiebert, 85, of Hamler, Ohio, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, December 24, 2025. He was born in Defiance, Ohio, on February 11, 1940, to the late William and Clare (Stockman) Schwiebert. John was a 1958 graduate of Hamler High School. In 1964, he married Darlene Kruse and she preceded him in death in July of 1975. On July 2, 1981, he married Alice (Thieroff) Bower at Hope Lutheran Church of Hamler. A faithful member of Hope Lutheran Church, John served as a former church president and Sunday school teacher. He began his career as a mechanic for Meineke Oliver (1960-1976) before becoming an agriculture mechanics instructor at Peta County Career Center and hydraulics instructor for Dana Corporation. A renowned expert in Oliver, Cockshutt, and Clertrac tractors, John authored technical articles for the Hart-Parr Oliver collectibles magazine and was inducted into the Henry County Agriculture Hall of Fame in 2023. He was also a dedicated 4-H advisor for many years. In his retirement, he enjoyed train watching, giving advice on antique tractors, and assisting on the family farm alongside his son, Ron.

He is survived by his wife, Alice, sharing over 44 years of marriage; children, Ronald (Teresa) Schwiebert, Michael (Rebecca) Schwiebert, Timothy (Michelle) Schwiebert, Jon (Jackie) Bower, and Jeffrey (Laura) Bower; grandchildren, Garrett, Gavin, Gracyn, Joshua, Meredith, Grant, and Claire Schwiebert, Austin (Elizabeth) Bower, Rylee Bower, Remi (Andrew) Renner, Miranda, Kendra, and Audrey Bower; three great-grandchildren, Novak, Nora,

and Noelle Bower; and sisters-in-law, Vernie (Jon) Miller, Lori (Brian) Bickel, Karen Kruse, Becky Kruse, Tricia Thieroff, Shar (Ron) Babcock; and well as many nieces, nephews and friends. In addition to his parents and first wife, Darlene, he was preceded in death by his brothers-in-law, Eldon Kruse, Dan Kruse, Tom Kruse, Marvin (Maxine) Thieroff, Robert (Donna) Thieroff and Timothy Thieroff; and sister-in-law, Marietta McNeil.

Friends and family will be received at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Tuesday, December 30, 2025, from 2pm until 8pm. Funeral services for John will be held at Hope Lutheran Church, Hamler, on Wednesday, December 31 at 11am, with an hour of visitation prior to services at the church. Interment will follow at the church cemetery. Memorials can be directed towards Hope Lutheran Church or the donor's choice. Online condolences may also be left for the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hope Lutheran Church Cemetery

10-016 State Route 18  
Hamler, OH 43524

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

DEC **30**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Public Viewing

DEC **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hope Lutheran Church  
16 OH-18  
Hamler, OH 43524  
(419) 274-5765

## Funeral Service

DEC **31**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

HK

“ *A brother in Law had Olivers, I read his articles whenever I could, cause he was so good! My Mother died the day after Christmas, in 1995 !! Fastfarmall!!*

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**Harry Klever** - January 19 at 10:17 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Tribute Video*



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**Rodenberger Funeral Home** - January 14 at 10:35 AM

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“ *Alice and Family, I have such wonderful memories of John while I was pastor at Hope. He would stop in and visit me in the office regularly and we would talk about a variety of subjects. He was tremendously well read in many areas and I always learned something from him during those visits. He was a gentle giant whose strength came from his wisdom and his faith. I was called to be his pastor, but I was lucky to be his friend. Please accept my sympathy and prayers as you grieve the loss of such a good man, and may that grief be tempered by your warm memories. May John Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.*

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**Steve Knap** - December 31, 2025 at 12:27 PM



“ *Sending our condolences and prayers at this difficult time.  
Don and Teri MacMillan 🙏*

Teri MacMillan - December 30, 2025 at 08:36 PM



“ *John was an amazingly knowledgeable man.  
He knew something about everything and a lot  
about many things. I always enjoyed speaking  
with him. I'm sure he will be missed by his  
whole family.*



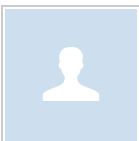
Kathleen Lieb - December 30, 2025 at 02:56 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of  
John William Schwiebert.*



December 30, 2025 at 08:55 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of John William Schwiebert.*



December 29, 2025 at 05:57 PM

AM

“ I was born knowing John. I remember getting old enough to find out we were related and finding his stories even more fun! He'd tell us short stories in the basement at church when I was little. He was an advisor for 4H. He was such a nice guy. My love goes out to Alice and the rest of the family.

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**Amanda (Schwiebert) Martinez** - December 29, 2025 at 03:00 PM

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“ Charlotte Rettig purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of John William Schwiebert.



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**Charlotte Rettig** - December 28, 2025 at 04:47 PM

FW

“ From Ron Angie And Mark Wissman purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John William Schwiebert.



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**From Ron Angie And Mark Wissman** - December 28, 2025 at 11:29 AM

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“ From Ron Angie And Mark Wissman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John William Schwiebert.

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**From Ron Angie And Mark Wissman** - December 28, 2025 at 11:29 AM

JT

“ *John, Paola, Robin, Stacey, Haley, Tony purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John William Schwiebert.*



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**John, Paola, Robin, Stacey, Haley, Tony** - December 28, 2025  
at 09:55 AM

TH

“ *The Hartmans purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of John William Schwiebert.*



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**The Hartmans** - December 27, 2025 at 10:16 PM