



John Henry Yates

February 24, 1934 - February 21, 2024

John Henry Yates, 89, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away peacefully at his home, on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. He was born in Grundy, Virginia on February 24, 1934, to the late Dewey and Ida (Stiltner) Yates. On April 27, 1957, he married Ruth Darlene Willeman at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon. They shared 64 years together until her passing in December 2021. John retired from General Motors in 1981. He enjoyed gardening and canning some of his own food. He loved to coon hunt and was especially fond of his coon dogs.

John is survived by his children, Nedra (Terry) Hall, Polly Kistner, Paula (Earl) Caldwell, Roseanna (Phillip) Caldwell, and Kevin (Melissa) Yates; grandchildren, JoAnn (Mark) Ritter, Emily (Derek) Lantz, Stacie (Pete) Maas, Bethany (Zach) Heitman, Brent (Kat) Kistner, Katherine (Chris) Moore, Amy (Dennis) Beaver, Angel Caldwell, Mason Caldwell, Alexis Yates, Nicolas Yates, and Brennen Yates; 25 great grandchildren; 5 great great grandchildren; and siblings, Jerry Yates, Elzie Yates, and Leon Yates. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth; and siblings, Hufford Yates, Earnest Yates, Margie Breeding, Burlin Yates, Lonzo Yates, Berchie Blankenship, Lottie Van Dyke, June Hamilton, Roosevelt Yates, Vada Yates, and Jesse Yates.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, from 11:00 AM until the time of services at 1:00 PM. Interment will follow at Hoy Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Henry County Humane Society or the First Baptist Church, Napoleon. Online condolences may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com.

The family would like to thank the staff at Genacross Lutheran Home and Elara Caring Hospice for their kind and meticulous care of John in his last months.

Cemetery Details

Hoy Cemetery

St. Rt. 109
Napoleon, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

FEB 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Service*



Rodenberger Funeral Home - April 05, 2024 at 02:10 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of **John Henry Yates**.



February 26, 2024 at 10:23 AM



“ *Mike and Marilyn White* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of **John Henry Yates**.



Mike and Marilyn White - February 25, 2024 at 06:09 PM



“ *Mike and Marilyn White* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of **John Henry Yates**.

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“ *Bernice Creech and Family* purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of **John Henry Yates**.



Bernice Creech and Family - February 22, 2024 at 11:45 AM

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