



Keith A. Sonnenberg

June 30, 2025

Keith Sonnenberg passed away peacefully on June 30, 2025, which was the 63rd wedding anniversary of his marriage to Judy Arps. He firmly believed that Jesus bore the burden of his sins and that he bled and died on the cross to take away those sins and the sins of all people.

Keith was born in Henry County, Ohio on November 6, 1940, the son of Donald and Dorothy (Von Deylen) Sonnenberg. He became a child of God in Holy Baptism on December 1, 1940 at St. Paul by Reverend M.J. Zschoche. He later confirmed his faith under the guidance of Reverend Gilbert Raedeke on May 2, 1954.

Keith graduated from Napoleon High School in 1958. He joined the US Army and served at Ft. Sill Oklahoma after basic training at Ft. Knox, KY. He was honorably discharged in March 1965.

Keith worked at various local businesses until he joined the maintenance crew at Campbell Soup Company in 1976 and retired in 2003. He then joined the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home staff in 2000 in his retirement.

Keith was a beloved member of his family, church, and community around him. He loved to fish, hunt, and play cards, but what he loved most of all was people. He made a life of serving, being a husband, father, and friend. He will be greatly missed.

Keith is survived by his loving wife Judy, sons Mark (Carrie), Dan (Tami), daughter Jennifer (David) Resetar, and daughter-in-law (Stephanie). Also surviving are 9 grandchildren, Ashleigh, Sean, Cerra, Alex, Jada, Jordyn,

Grant, Liviya, and Torri; 6 great grandchildren; brothers Norm (Marlene), Kenneth (Cherryl), and Bill (Marilyn), and many extended loving family members. He was proceeded in death by his parents Donald and Dorothy, and his beloved son Barry.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 2, 2024 from 2-7 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon, where military honors will be accorded by Napoleon American Legion. A private interment will follow immediately at Gilson Cemetery, Napoleon, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to St. Paul Lutheran Church or St. Paul Lutheran School Scholarship Fund.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.rodenbergergray.com

Cemetery Details

Gilson Cemetery

16999 US Highway 6
Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL 2. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Public Viewing

JUL 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
1075 Glenwood Ave
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

JA

“ Julia A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Keith A. Sonnenberg.

Julia A. - August 17, 2025 at 09:54 PM

TD

“ My condolences to the Sonnenberg family at the passing of their patriarch, Keith.
Was a family oriented man Keith was. Loved catching up on all the family at the Legion with Keith and Judy. Keith was a great and honorable man who loved people.
God bless ya Keith. Rest in Peace my friend.
TD

Tim Downey - July 28, 2025 at 03:50 PM

BC

“ Judy and families, I am so sorry to hear of Keith's passing. I know Keith and Kevin are playing cards as I type. I will keep your families in my prayers. May you always remember that Keith was well liked by everyone as having a KIND soul ! Love and peace!
Bev

Beverly J Cordes - July 04, 2025 at 02:12 PM

ML

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

Major General (Retired) Mark W. Lee, United States Army

MG (R) Mark Lee - July 04, 2025 at 08:12 AM

JB

“ Dear Judy and family, Ron and I are so sorry to hear of Keith’s passing. He was such a kind and loving man, with gentle ways and a friendly smile. We pray the Lord’s strength and peace for you all. We can draw comfort from the knowledge that Keith is with his Heavenly Father. Love and blessings, Judy and Ron Berteotti

Judy Berteotti - July 02, 2025 at 07:26 PM

VG

“ Judy, thinking of you and your family in the loss of Keith. What joy Keith must have felt when he entered the gates of Heaven 🙏. Your faith, family and memories will guide you through the days ahead. God’s blessings.

Vicki Glick - July 02, 2025 at 04:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Keith A. Sonnenberg.

July 02, 2025 at 02:40 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Keith A. Sonnenberg.



July 02, 2025 at 02:40 PM

RM

“ Ronald McGhee lit a candle in memory of Keith Sonnenberg



Ronald McGhee - July 02, 2025 at 04:45 AM

DK

“ I will always remember Keith as a kind and gentle spirit. He always had a smile on his face. Rest in peace Keith. Prayers for peace and comfort for the family. May the family has peace knowing how much Keith loved the Lord and is with Him rejoicing. 🙏🕊️🙏

Debbie Kempf - July 01, 2025 at 10:06 PM

PN

“ Please accept our sincerest sympathy for your loss. Sending you and your family comfort and prayers during this difficult time. Keith was a very kind person. He will be truly missed.
Perry & Peach Newell

Patricia Newell - July 01, 2025 at 09:48 PM

TF

“ The Sleigh Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Keith A. Sonnenberg.



The Sleigh Family - July 01, 2025 at 09:37 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Keith A. Sonnenberg.*



July 01, 2025 at 05:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Keith A. Sonnenberg.

July 01, 2025 at 05:49 PM



“ *Norm Marlene, Ken Cherryl, Bill Marilyn purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Keith A. Sonnenberg.*



Norm Marlene, Ken Cherryl, Bill Marilyn - July 01, 2025 at 05:05 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Kieth's passing. Take care!! LaRena Callahan*

LaRena Callahan - July 01, 2025 at 01:35 PM



Our sincere sympathy to all your family. He always had a kind word when seen. So very sorry for your loss.

Gary and Lila Wernecke - July 02, 2025 at 07:02 PM