



## Kenneth August Sunderman

March 21, 1948 - March 4, 2023

Kenneth August Sunderman, 74, of Wauseon, Ohio passed away in his home, surrounded by his family on Saturday, March 4, 2023. He was born in Findlay, Ohio on March 21, 1948, to Eddie and Eltha (Hoops) Sunderman. On December 8, 1973, he married Marilyn Kay Schuette at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Wauseon.

Ken was a 1966 graduate of Deshler High School and served his country during the Vietnam War in the 11th Armored Cavalry Black Horse Regiment of the US Army. Ken was a member of the Wauseon VFW Post 7424, where he was the current Quarter Master, and a member of the Wauseon American Legion Post 265. He attended St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon and was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, where he served as a past Deacon. Ken was an avid high school basketball fan and would travel all over to catch as many games as he could. He followed The Ohio State Buckeyes, Cleveland Browns, and the Cleveland Indians. His greatest joy was being surrounded by his family and friends.

Ken is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Marilyn; daughters, Nicole (Rich) Young and Dana (Hugo) Barajas; grandchildren, Sofia, Tristan, Faith, Alex, Dominic, Nicholas, Nathaniel, Logan, and Mia; siblings, David (Pam) Sunderman, and Richard (Julie) Sunderman; and former son-in-law, Sean Stinner. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother,

James Sunderman.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, from 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Funeral Services will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Services will be livestreamed from the church at [www. https://www.stpaulnapoleon.org](https://www.stpaulnapoleon.org)

Interment will follow at St. Luke's Lutheran Cemetery, Wauseon, with military honors accorded by the Fulton County Honor Guard. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, Promedica Hospice, or the Wauseon Athletic Boosters. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at [rodebergergray.com](http://rodebergergray.com).

Wounded Warrior Project: <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/default.aspx?tsid=10043>

Promedica Hospice: <https://www.promedica.org/waystogive/hospice-memorial-fund/donate/>

Wauseon Athletic Boosters: <https://donate.wauseonsports.org/>

# Cemetery Details

## St. Luke's Lutheran Cemetery

1588 State Route 108  
Wauseon, OH 43567

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAR 8. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Public Viewing

MAR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

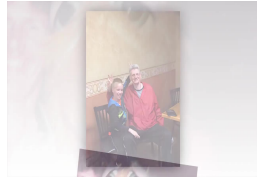
St. Paul Lutheran Church  
1075 Glenwood Ave.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Video*



**Rodenberger Funeral Home** - October 19, 2023 at 11:17 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Kenneth August Sunderman*.



March 11, 2023 at 04:22 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket* was purchased for the family of *Kenneth August Sunderman*.



March 07, 2023 at 04:00 PM

AL

“ *All our love-Megan, Corey, Willa&Cassius purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Kenneth August Sunderman.*



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**All our love-Megan, Corey, Willa&Cassius** - March 07, 2023 at 10:28 AM

BK

“ *Please accept the condolences of the 11th Armored Cavalry's veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia: Ken was one of us, one of our own. He served honorably and well with The Howitzer Battery of the 3rd Squadron in The Legendary Blackhorse Regiment. He was a dedicated patriot and a Life Member of the 11th ACVVC. His name will be published in our newsletter, enrolled on the scroll of our honored dead and solemnly announced at our annual reunion, this year in Grand Rapids, Michigan. As grateful Americans we should pause and salute a man who was willing to sacrifice, and even put his life on the line for his country, his family and his fellow man. Rest in peace, Ken. Chaplain Bill, 11th ACVVC (Vietnam 71/72)*

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**Blandin Karabinos** - March 07, 2023 at 09:16 AM

“ 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.

BG (Retired) Mark W. Lee, USA

DW

“ Kenny was a sweet soul..we had so much fun with him at work..such a good friend...Kenny we loved your Ohio State boxers...rest in peace in the land of milk and honey...you will be greatly missed...Our deepest sympathy goes out to Marilyn and family may God rest his hand on you all. Love Deb Peoples and Larry Williams



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**Deb Peoples & Larry Williams** - March 06, 2023 at 06:10 PM

RS

“ Kenny was a great friend in high school. He was truly one of the "guys"! As a group we went to basketball games, drive in theaters, played cards, and about everything high school boys in the 60's did. He always had a smile on his face, and had an infectious laugh. What a great friend and a great guy. Robert Sunderman

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**Robert Sunderman** - March 06, 2023 at 05:03 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth August Sunderman.



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March 06, 2023 at 04:06 PM

JF

“ My condolences and many prayers to the family. Hugs to all!! 🙏

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**Jamie Fauver-hanson** - March 06, 2023 at 12:55 PM



“ *Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket was purchased for the family of Kenneth August Sunderman.* ”



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March 05, 2023 at 05:42 PM