



Larry Lee Brinkman

November 7, 1947 - July 6, 2025

Larry Lee Brinkman, 77, of Napoleon, Ohio, passed away surrounded by his family on Sunday, July 6, 2025. He was born on November 7, 1947, to the late Lee and Bernita (Ward) Brinkman, in Napoleon, Ohio. In October of 1970, he married the love of his life, Janice Barton, and spent a loving 54 years together.

He was a faithful member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hamler. Larry graduated from Hamler high school, then moved on to Anderson Barber College shortly after. He was a proud veteran of the United States Army and served his country from 1967 until 1969. In 1968, he served in the Vietnam war to earn a purple heart award for his dedicated service. Larry was a member of the Napoleon American Legion Post 300, as well as New Bavaria VFW, Post 8847. He worked for various barber shops including Colonial West, Adams, as well as an owner of Western Barber Shop in Holgate, Ohio. He also worked for General Motors Company as a forklift driver for 40 years until retirement. Larry loved his family dearly and would often go on camping trips and traveling to various places with them. He also coached baseball for Malinta for several years and loved every minute.

Larry is survived by his loving wife, Janice; children, Kirk and Kraig Brinkman; grandchildren, Devyn Brinkman, Laryn Brinkman, Kaige Brinkman, Kamry Brinkman, Kylie Brinkman, Kierstyn Brinkman, and Emma Brinkman;

daughter-in-law, Melissa Brinkman; brother, Byron Brinkman; several nieces and nephews; and Raj Bains, who was a very special friend and supporter to the Brinkman family over many years. In addition to his parents and grandparents, he is preceded in death by his nephew, Troy Barton, and his loving son, Kyle Brinkman, who passed away in May of 2024.

Friends and family will be received at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Friday, July 11, 2025, from 2pm until 7pm. Services will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hamler, on Saturday, July 12, 2025, at 11am with an hour of visitation prior to services. Interment will take place at Hoy Cemetery, Napoleon, immediately following services, where military honors will take place by the Napoleon American Legion, Post 300. Memorial contributions may be made out to the Kyle R. Brinkman Scholarship Fund of the Napoleon American Legion. Online condolences may also be left for the family at www.rodenbergergray.com.

Cemetery Details

Hoy Cemetery

St. Rt. 109
Napoleon, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

JUL 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
G-983 St. Rt. 109
Hamler, OH 43524

Funeral Service

JUL 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
G-983 St. Rt. 109
Hamler, OH 43524

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Video*



Rodenberger Funeral Home - July 17, 2025 at 11:45 AM

BF

“ *Beltran Families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Larry Lee Brinkman.*



Beltran Families - July 11, 2025 at 08:50 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry Lee Brinkman.*



July 10, 2025 at 12:38 PM



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

July 10, 2025 at 12:38 PM

LD

“ Louis D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Lee Brinkman.

Louis D. - July 08, 2025 at 10:07 PM

AL

“ Alan lit a candle in memory of Larry Brinkman



Alan - July 08, 2025 at 05:57 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Larry Lee Brinkman.



July 08, 2025 at 05:18 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 W. Lee - July 08, 2025 at 09:04 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Lee Brinkman.



July 07, 2025 at 07:27 PM



“ Bill & Pat Barton / Tom & Tracy Metzger purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Larry Lee Brinkman.



Bill & Pat Barton / Tom & Tracy Metzger - July 07, 2025 at 02:54 PM



“ Bill & Pat Barton / Tom & Tracy Metzger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Lee Brinkman.

Bill & Pat Barton / Tom & Tracy Metzger - July 07, 2025 at 02:54 PM



“ Byron B. purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Larry Lee Brinkman.



Byron B. - July 07, 2025 at 01:58 PM

RF

“ Rick & Patty Adams and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Larry Lee Brinkman.



Rick & Patty Adams and family - July 07, 2025 at 01:43 PM

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Rick & Patty Adams and family - July 07, 2025 at 01:43 PM

AJ

“ I remember the day he was born. We wanted boy and we got a curly headed beautiful baby boy. I told him that at the hospital. He smiled. 🥹💔

Aunt Janice. - July 07, 2025 at 01:22 PM

RA

“ Dear Jan and family, please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss. I had the honor of serving with Larry in Vietnam, in the 1st platoon of B-Troop 1/10 Cavalry in 1968-1969. After we returned home, I was so happy you guys were dating. Every trip back to Napoleon since wasn't complete without spending time with you two. Sending you and your family prayers, love and comfort in this difficult time. Rick & Patty Adams

Rick Adams - July 07, 2025 at 09:22 AM

SH

“ Sorry to hear about the passing of my GOOD FRIEND Larry. Our prayers 🙏 are with you, Jan and the boys! Bill and Susan Henrich

Susan Henrich - July 06, 2025 at 05:17 PM