



Larry "Moe" Brubaker

July 9, 1938 - December 30, 2013

Larry "Moe" Brubaker, 75, of Napoleon, Ohio died Monday, December 30, 2013 at his residence.

He was born July 9, 1938 in Napoleon, Ohio to the late Richard L. Brubaker and Dorothy (Jackson) Slee. Richard died in 1948 and his mother married Walter "James" Slee. On October 21, 1962 he married Judith Connors and she preceded him in death on June 24, 2002.

Moe was a 1957 graduate of Napoleon High School. He has been the sports editor for the Northwest Signal from 1956 to present and served on OHSAA computer football poll voting since 1972. Throughout his career in sports publication and community involvement he has achieved many awards and distinctions, some which include: 1981 Napoleon Citizen of the Year, 1999 OHSAA Integrity, Ethics and Sportsmanship Award, numerous service awards from the Northwest Ohio basketball and football coaches associations, the Parade marshal for 2001 Henry County Fair Tomato Festival, president and campaign chairman for Henry County United Way, and a weekly volunteer at the Henry County Hospital. He was also a member of the Ohio Prep Sports writers Hall of Fame, inaugural class of the NHS Athletic Hall of Fame, served on the board of Directors of the Northwest State Community College Foundation, and former member of the Optimist Club.

Moe was a faithful member of St. Augustine Catholic Church, Napoleon. He is survived by his children; Tad (Wendy) Brubaker of Plainfield, IL, Tandy (Randy) Schwaiger of Napoleon, Tyler Brubaker (Natalie) of Ann Arbor, MI,

Taggart (Jessica) Brubaker of Napoleon. grandchildren; Derek, Hannah, Hayley, Chad (Megan), Spencer, Cameron, Cassidy, and Chloe, great granddaughter, Emma. Brothers; Richard (Cathy) Brubaker of Napoleon, Kenneth Brubaker of Napoleon, James "Shark" Slee of Cincinnati, OH, sister-in-law, Susan (David) Dill, and brother-in-law, Paul Limpach. He was also preceded in death by brothers, Steven Brubaker, William Brubaker, and sister, Linda Limpach.

A mass of Christian burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 4 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, Napoleon. Interment will follow at the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 2-9 p.m. at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon, where a Scripture service will be held at 8:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers the family request that memorials be made to the Moe and Judy Brubaker Scholarship Fund c/o Northwest State Community College Early Education Fund in honor of the late Judy Brubaker.

Online condolences may be made at www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Augustine's Cemetery

St. Rt. 108
Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Napoleon Funeral Home
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545
(419) 592-2333
help@rodenbergergray.com

Tribute Wall

DP

“ I took Moe's place one summer while he did his .Guard duty. Played baseball with his brother,Dick. What a great guy he was. Sad loss for Napoleon. He'll be remembered by so many whose lives he touched. My condolences to the family and to The city of Napoleon.
--Dick Pratt

Dick Pratt. - January 16, 2014 at 02:56 PM

LV

“ I met Moe when I was in high school at Deshler in the 1960s. So sorry to hear of his passing, but to be in the same job he loved for so long is a great tribute to him.

Lynn Burke | Chesapeake, Va. - January 15, 2014 at 06:19 PM

AB

“ Tad and family, so sorry to hear about your Dad! Your Dad will be missed by many! Blessings!
Anne Denny Bloesser



Anne Bloesser - January 04, 2014 at 09:55 AM

CC

“ To the Brubaker Family,

We are so very sorry hearing about Moe. May you find peace in the memories you each shared with him throughout his lifetime.

Dick and Connie Cobb.

Connie Cobb - January 04, 2014 at 07:13 AM

CK

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Brubaker family during this difficult time, he will be sadly missed by all.

Chandra, Victoria, and Taylor

Chandra Krass - January 03, 2014 at 09:44 PM

DS

“ We veterans and retirees of The Toledo Blade sports department depended on our friend Moe to willingly provide so much help with games on those Friday nights long ago. We couldn't have gotten the game results of many teams without Moe's friendly and dogged assistance. Thank you, Moe. Kids, your Dad was a charming man and hard worker who put so much into his profession. Most importantly, he was a dandy, even to those who knew him only by the telephone.

Dave (Sherm) Scheuerman

Dave Scheuerman - January 03, 2014 at 08:39 PM

CW

“ All of us at Spenglers will miss Moe's smiling face. Moe was an inspiration to many of us and his presence was always uplifting. Please except our condolences and prayers as you go through this difficult time.

Chery Weideman and the Spengler Staff

Chery Weidemasn - January 03, 2014 at 03:18 PM

LW

“ *To the Brubaker family:
Our sincere condolences to all. Moe was loved and admired by many and will be surely missed. We always appreciated his smiling face at our daughters' athletic events.*
Gary and Lila Wernecke

Lila & Gary Wernecke - January 03, 2014 at 01:36 PM

DA

“ *Tad and family, our sincere condolences for your loss. May God comfort you at this time. Dave and Janet Amacher.*

Dave and Janet Amacher - January 03, 2014 at 09:11 AM

CR

“ *Moe has been a very inspiring part of my daughter Morisas' life as supporting them with bowling and being there to cheer them on. He was a man who was friendly and caring no matter who he came in contact with*
You will be very much missed Moe by everyone who knew you

*Carrie Rosenberger
Morisa Scarbrough*

Carrie Rosenberger - January 03, 2014 at 09:00 AM

CR

“ *Carrie Rosenberger lit a candle in memory of
Larry "Moe" Brubaker*



Carrie Rosenberger - January 03, 2014 at 08:57 AM

CC

“ *Every time I ran into Moe around town. He always shared with me how the whole family was doing. He loved you all very much.*

Cindy Celani - January 02, 2014 at 08:06 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Larry "Moe" Brubaker.*



January 02, 2014 at 07:59 PM

BM

“ *Dear frends and family of my friend Moe. As a fellow journalist and former sports information director at BGSU and a Henry County resident for 11 years, I say thank you Moe for the wonderful work you did with your columns and sports reporting. In remembrance of your work, I open our www.unconditionallovelive.com web site to friends and family members. I encourage your to read and enjoy our Be Healthy Plan in honor of this "legend" of Henry County. Love to all. Bob "Mr. Happy" Moyers*

Bob "Mr. Happy" Moyers - January 02, 2014 at 01:51 PM

JH

“ *Most sincere sympathy to the family. I was always pleased and grateful that Moe reported on Special Olympics too, and he did that from the early days on.*

Jane Wright Haggerty - January 02, 2014 at 01:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry "Moe" Brubaker.*



January 02, 2014 at 12:24 PM



“ *Contract Services, Ltd. Steve Sanders and Jim Peterson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Larry "Moe" Brubaker.*



Contract Services, Ltd. Steve Sanders and Jim Peterson -
January 02, 2014 at 09:31 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry "Moe" Brubaker.*



January 02, 2014 at 09:11 AM



“ *Moe was family. He was such a part of my life and I am thankful for our friendship. His love for "Wildcat Nation" and devotion to his profession will always be remembered. Our prayers are with his family.*

Tom Swearingen

Tom Swearingen - January 02, 2014 at 08:51 AM

BB

“ Even though I never met Moe personally, I felt a connection as if I had known him forever. His son Tad told stories and memories of the times they attended Tigers games and high school championships. He always kept us updated on the "Moe Man", he will be truly missed

Brian Banwart

Brian Bamwart - January 02, 2014 at 08:26 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry "Moe" Brubaker.



January 02, 2014 at 08:18 AM

SC

“ Growing up with Tad and in the "neighborhood," I was blessed to know Moe. He always had a story, joke, or bit of good advice. Napoleon lost a fixture and a good man. Know that our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Scott and Tammy Collier

Scott and Tammy Collier - January 02, 2014 at 08:14 AM

DL

“ Prayers to the family at this most difficult time of loss, he was such a nice person, and loved his family so much.



Deb and Dave Leavell - January 01, 2014 at 08:57 PM

BE

“ Moe was one of the first persons we learned about when we moved to Napoleon many years ago. He was a camera fixture at the football games. He was a strong supporter of our school system. My students knew who he was and only had nice things to say about him. It didn't take long to learn he was a Michigan fan, but most people forgave him that. Our prayers are for him and his family. May God bless you all

*Bonnie & John Eddy
Napoleon, OH*

Bonnie & John Eddy - January 01, 2014 at 03:44 PM

PA

“ Met Moe a few times when he came to IL to visit Tad. He was a riot! Funny, likeable, full of life! The world lost one of the good ones this week.

Pam Albrecht - January 01, 2014 at 01:59 PM

JN

“ Henry county won't be the same without the Moeman. We have lost a pillar, a friend and a good man. His smile was infectious which is what I will remember most. Moe will be sorely missed. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family through this difficult time.

Jo Lyn Nye
Napoleon, Oh

Jo Lyn Nye - January 01, 2014 at 12:56 PM

PC

“ Please know our thoughts & prayers are with you all at this time.
Love, Don & Peggy Conners

peggy conners - January 01, 2014 at 08:42 AM

RS

“ Moe was as much a part of the athletic program as the coaches themselves. He devoted his writing expertise to the Napoleon Wildcat teams and players. Moe was a true friend of the Wildcat family. Let's celebrate his life with a Wildcat roar!

"Reenie"

Ron Stevens - January 01, 2014 at 08:26 AM

KS

“ Kay Showman lit a candle in memory of Larry
"Moe" Brubaker



Kay Showman - January 01, 2014 at 07:35 AM

RM

“ Moe was the best. He was patient, caring, and kind. He taught us all many things. God bless Moe and the entire Brubaker clan.

Ray McNeill - January 01, 2014 at 07:23 AM

CB

“ Moe was was a great mentor. There were many times that Moe and I crossed paths when he would be at sporting events taking pictures and I would be at the events taking pictures for the NHS yearbook. He always would come over and talk to me and give me pointers. He never forgot my face and always called me by name. He was so nice and will be missed by many. Napoleon was a better place because of him. He was so kind to everyone he met. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

Caitlin Beck

Caitlin Beck - December 31, 2013 at 10:15 PM

JS

“ Moe was a legend. He will be remembered by many for his articles in the "Town Crier" and the athletes and games he covered in the local sport pages thru the years. We are all better people for having known Moe. My sympathies to the Brubaker family.

Jack and Anita Sohn

Jack Sohn - December 31, 2013 at 12:22 PM

JO

“ I introduced Moe to Judy Connors, my bookkeeper and the next thing I knew she was Mrs. Brubaker. He was a good friebd. John F. Orwig

John F. Orwig - December 31, 2013 at 08:55 AM

SB

“ *The Moe Man,*

He was a great legend and icon in Napoleon Sports! My deepest sympathy to The Brubaker Family and rest in peace Moe Man! Thanks for all the great memories!

Seth Bostelman

Seth Bostelman - December 31, 2013 at 08:53 AM

LF

“ *I remember reading the "Town Crier" written by Moe as a kid and into adulthood. My deepest sympathies to the Brubaker family.*



Lana Faber - December 31, 2013 at 06:41 AM

CF

“ *To the Brubaker family. So sorry to hear to your loss. Moe will be missed by many. May God watch over you all at this time and comfort you. Carol Andrews Feehan*

Carol Feehan - December 30, 2013 at 08:55 PM

BB

“ *So sorry to hear about the loss of Moe, he was a good friend, neighbor and playmate in our younger years. He will be missed by all. Bob & Kay Bost*

bob bost - December 30, 2013 at 08:11 PM