



Larry A. Ripke

August 9, 1944 - November 5, 2020

Larry A. Ripke, 76, of Liberty Center, Ohio passed away on Thursday, November 5, 2020. He was born in Napoleon, Ohio on August 9, 1944 to Arnold and Luciel (Hesterman) Ripke. He married Jean Jennings on February 25, 1967 at Zion Lutheran Church in Ridgeville Corners, Ohio.

Larry began his career in construction and later as an over the road truck driver, retiring in 2009 from Guardian Industries. He was a member of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Wauseon, Ohio, where he served as a deacon and chairman. Larry enjoyed playing cards, telling a good joke, and watching the Cleveland Indians and Ohio State Buckeyes play. He could talk to anyone and always found a friend at the family campsite J at the Henry County Fair.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Jean; children, Kevin (Rhonda) Ripke and Rochelle (Neil) Chryst; grandchildren, Meaghan Ripke, Melissa (Brandon) Smail, Andrew Ripke, Macee Ripke, Natalie Chryst, Jenna Chryst, and Julia Chryst; great grandson, Elias Quinones; siblings, Ted (Jackie) Ripke, Anne (Rev. Dr. Glen) Thomas, and Jim (Pepin) Ripke. Larry was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Monday, November 9, 2020 from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Funeral services will be held at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Wauseon, on

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Interment will follow at St. Luke Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Luke Lutheran Church. Online condolences may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com.

Due to the current health conditions surrounding COVID-19, masks will be required to attend services or visitation in accordance with the State. Please also respect social distancing and make use of the website to contact the family if you are not feeling well.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **9**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

NOV **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
1588 State Route 108
Wauseon, OH 43567

Service

NOV **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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1588 State Route 108
Wauseon, OH 43567

Tribute Wall

MH

“ Dear Jean & family, So sorry! We so much enjoyed all the Saturday morning breakfasts at Trucker's Paradise. Larry was a fun and kind man. May God comfort you in His loving arms and fill you with His peace during this difficult time and in all the days to come. Take care, Jerry and Marilyn Hershberger

Marilyn Hershberger - November 13, 2020 at 01:37 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Funeral Service



Rodenberger Funeral Home - November 10, 2020 at 03:51 PM

JJ

“ Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with Jean and family. We wish we could have come back but memories will have to do. Glad Jerry got to spend some time with Larry last during harvest. Love from us, Jerry and Linda Jennings

Jerry and Linda Jennings - November 10, 2020 at 12:18 PM

PH

“ Jean and family,
Our prayers and condolences go out to you after Larry's passing.
Larry was a good man, who always expressed genuine interest in
me and my family whenever we spoke. I will remember him with
great respect and fondness. May your warm memories of Larry cry
you through this sad time.
Paul Hesterman

Paul Hesterman - November 10, 2020 at 12:22 AM



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Rodenberger Funeral Home - November 09, 2020 at 02:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Larry A. Ripke.



November 08, 2020 at 06:29 PM

PC

“ Let the love and memories of Larry fill your
heart .



Pamela Cobb - November 07, 2020 at 01:00 PM

BB

“ *Just to let Jean and the family know how sad it is to lose a husband and father but to rejoice in the fact that you will see him again in heaven and to remember the good times the family has had. Sorry for your loss! Bonnie Brenneman*

Bonnie A Brenneman - November 07, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Kevin, Cindy Prayers for all the Family.*



Reda Maynard - November 07, 2020 at 09:10 AM

JR

“ *Dear Jean and family,
I was very sorry to hear of Larry's passing. The many time we enjoyed hanging out together in years past and knowing that Larry is with Jesus in heaven will remain with me for a long time.
Unfortunately, Kris and I are not able to attend the viewing or funeral service. Hopefully we will have a chance to get together at another time.
God's peace to all,
Jerry Ripke*

Jerry Ripke - November 07, 2020 at 07:48 AM

VM

“ Jean and Family, Ted, Anne and Jim, Sending our love at this time of cousin Larry's entering eternal life. May our loving Lord give you all comfort and Peace. I will always remember visiting grandma/grandpa Ripke and having Larry and the rest stop in to say hello and check on G/G daily. We love you all. Memories last a life time, and mine are precious of the Ripke families.

Vivian Mittelstaedt - November 06, 2020 at 08:34 PM

JT

“ Julie Tijerina lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Ripke



Julie Tijerina - November 06, 2020 at 04:18 PM