



LaVern A. Volkman

November 7, 1939 - January 21, 2026

LaVern A. Volkman, age 86, of rural Wauseon, Ohio, passed away peacefully on January 21, 2026, at Fulton County Hospital. He was born on November 7, 1939, at his Fulton County Homestead, to the late Arthur and Magdalena (Rauch) Volkman. On July 25, 1959, he married Yvonne Libey at St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Twp. and she preceded him in death on April 23, 2015.

LaVern was a graduate of Ridgeville Corners High School and proudly served his country in the United States Army Reserves. He devoted 38 years of service to Campbell Soup Company in Napoleon before later retiring from Alex Products. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Freedom Township.

LaVern found his greatest joy in spending time with his family. He especially enjoyed fishing and camping at his campground near Port Clinton along the shores of Lake Erie, where many cherished memories were made.

He is survived by his loving sons, Dale (Ginger) Volkman, Robert Volkman (Diane) , and Daniel Volkman (Darlene); grandchildren, Jessica (Maximino) Aguilar, Marilyn (Scott) Watakaisis, and Tanya Harrison; great-grandchildren, Brodee, Elaina, Elijah, Arthur, and Lily; and his sister, Mary Lou (Larry) Leatherman.

In addition to his parents, LaVern was preceded in death by his daughter-in-law, Pamela (Bostelman) Volkman, and brother, Norville Volkman.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray

Funeral Home in Napoleon, and on Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the church. Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Freedom Township, with interment to follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. John Lutheran Church. Online condolences may be shared at www.rodembergergray.com.

Cemetery Details

St. John Lutheran Freedom Township Cemetery

16035 Co Rd U
Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 26. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Public Viewing

JAN 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township
16035 County Road U
Napoleon, OH 43545

Funeral Service

JAN 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Video*



Rodenberger Funeral Home - January 28 at 01:16 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of LaVern A. Volkman.*



January 25 at 01:28 PM



“ *Without the companionship of 1st cousins Lavern and brother Norville my youth growing up wouldn't have been half the fun. Will miss you. Jerry Elling*

Jerry Elling - January 25 at 01:14 PM

LV

“ My most sincere condolences to Vern's family Dale, Robert and Daniel. Vern and I grew up in the same neighborhood and shared a lot of growing up experiences including classmates and military and so many memories and laughs. Our dads were brothers and we grew up only about a half mile apart, riding our bikes and exploring the woods and creeks. Till we meet again, Vern or Vernie as we used to call him.

Loren Volkman - January 24 at 01:24 PM

DA

“ He was the best Pops to girls could ever have! We will miss all the teasing he handed down to us all around the campfire.

Darlene - January 22 at 06:54 PM

JR

“ Mary Lou and Larry , sorry to hear the loss of LaVern. I'll keep the family in my prayers. I tried to call but I guess the number I have is no good. John P. Ruetz

John Philip Ruetz - January 22 at 02:52 PM

JL

Thank you, I will let them know that you tried to reach them. They no longer have a land line. -Jody

Jody Lee - January 24 at 01:43 AM