



LaVern G. Wiemken

June 18, 1938 - April 20, 2021

LaVern George “Grizz” Wiemken, age 82, passed away peacefully April 20, 2021, at Defiance Inpatient Hospice.

He was born on June 18, 1938, to Henry and Christine (Bindeman) Wiemken in Napoleon, Ohio. LaVern married the love of his life Virginia Ann Wendt on November 27, 1960. They were married for 60 years and had 3 beautiful children.

LaVern was a faithful member of St John Lutheran Church Route 6 and 66. His wife and daughter Terri took loving care of him in their home until the last few days of his life.

LaVern got his start in farming when he and his family converted the hip-roof barn on their property into a poultry raising operation. The operation grew into a layer house and row crop farming. Together with his late brother LeRoy, they farmed for over 40 years after which LaVern’s son Randy and grandson Ben continued the farming tradition. LaVern was also an avid car collector. He and Virginia collected cars throughout their lives and were members of several car clubs. LaVern’s daughter Kelly and her husband Dave have continued the vintage car hobby.

LaVern is survived by his loving wife Virginia Wiemken of Defiance, sister-in-law Patsy Wiemken, sister LaVonne (Ted) Homier, daughter Terri Wiemken of Napoleon, son Randy (Kim) Wiemken of Ridgeville Corners, and daughter Kelly (David) Copeland of Findlay. He also leaves behind 6 grandchildren: Nathan (Marybel) Howard, Rachel Rhodes, Benjamin (Megan) Wiemken,

Ethan (Madison) Wiemken, Elizabeth (Tyler) Joseph, Jessica Copeland, and great grandchildren; Zoe, Kaylee, Rylee, Isaiah, Luke, Lilian, and Liam. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Christine Wiemken, and his brother LeRoy.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 25th, 2021 at St. John Lutheran Church, Route 6 and 66 with visitation from 12:30 p.m. till the time of service. Interment will follow at Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery, Adams Ridge.

Memorial contributions are suggested to CHP Hospice or Ridgeville Twp. Volunteer Fire Department.

Online condolences may be made at www.rodembergergray.com

Cemetery Details

Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery - Adams Ridge Road

02499 Adams Ridge Road
Defiance, OH 43512

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR **25**. 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church - Stryker
23120 US Highway 6
Stryker, OH 43557

Funeral Service

APR **25**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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23120 US Highway 6
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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Virginia:

Thinking of you and saying prayers that you will carry on without Lavern with God at your side. Know we share sorrow with your loss.

*Sincerely,
Howard and Connie DeYoung*

Cornelia De Young - April 22, 2021 at 09:13 PM

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“ *My condolences to the family. LaVern was always such a nice man, and I enjoyed his sense of humor. I am very sorry about his passing, and my prayers are with the family.*
Nick Claussen

Nick Claussen - April 21, 2021 at 01:07 PM

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“ *Virginia,*
Our sincere condolences are sent to you upon the passing of Lavern from the Ridgeville Corners High School class of 1959. A good number of us knew his gentle and loving nature in the community and others of us enjoyed his presence at our class reunions. We ask God to be with you at this time and to your family.
Les and Carol Roth

LES ROTH - April 21, 2021 at 12:19 PM