



Lester L. Shufelt

May 16, 1933 - March 26, 2024

Lester L. "Skip" Shufelt, 90, of McClure, passed away on March 26, 2024, surrounded by his family at CHP Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice. He was born in Wood County on May 16, 1933, to Howard and Iola (Bachman) Shufelt. He graduated from McClure High School in 1951 and went on to serve in the United States Navy. He married the love of his life, Dorothy "Dot" Hines in 1953 and they had two daughters.

Lester was a Master Mason in the Grand Lodge #289 in Grand Rapids. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 300 and a member of the VFW Post 8218 in Napoleon. He began working at Johns Manville in Waterville and then went on to road construction, but the majority of his career was spent as a tractor mechanic.

His favorite pastime was trapshooting. Traveling to the trap shoots took them to 13 different states while making many friends along the way.

Lester is survived by his wife of 71 years, Dorothy; daughters, Karen Sweinhagen and Deb (Denny) Rowe; grandchildren, Cliff (Diane) Sweinhagen and Jessica (Andrew) Meehan; great grandchildren, Alayna, Derrick, and Lillian; and sister, Maxine Wiles. He was preceded in death by his parents, close friend and brother-in-law, Bill Wiles; and son-in-law Jerry Sweinhagen. A private graveside service with military honors accorded by the Napoleon American Legion Post #300, will be held at Hockman Cemetery for the Family. Memorial donations may be directed to CHP Defiance Inpatient Hospice or a charity of your choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Rodenberger-

Gray Funeral Home and online condolences may be left at www.rodembergergray.com.

Cemetery Details

Hockman Cemetery

100 Township HWY O4
Corner of County Road O4 and Township
Road 3A
McClure, OH 43534

Tribute Wall

SR

“ Dottie, many years have passed since I lived in McClure (1958) but I thought of you as special and I remember Skip being in the Navy. Darrel and I want to extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Darrel and Sharon Hoffman Rettig

Sharon Hoffman Rettig - March 29, 2024 at 08:08 PM

DC

“ Deb Creager lit a candle in memory of Lester Shufelt



Deb (Eberle) Creager - March 29, 2024 at 01:02 PM

LS

“ Karen & family,

We are sorry for your loss! He's up with Jerry now & maybe they are trapshooting up in heaven! Think the last time we saw you was at a visitation. Didn't get to talk to you very long. Miss visiting with you. Again you have our sympathy. Norbert & Linda (Eickhoff) Sonnenberg

Linda Sonnenberg - March 29, 2024 at 11:41 AM

LB

“ Dorothy - my deepest sympathy to you and your family. Skip was such a great guy - and as we all know- a fantastic trap shooter! We all had a lot of fun over the years at the shoots. You both were really missed when he was unable to shoot any more. My thoughts and prayers will be with you during this difficult time.



Liana Barnes Baldwin - March 28, 2024 at 09:09 PM

BL

“ 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.

Brigadier General (Retired) Mark W. Lee, United States Army

BG (R) Dr. Mark W. Lee - March 28, 2024 at 08:40 PM

HB

“ *Deb, Karen & Dot, You're in my thoughts and prayers. Skip was in my dad's graduating class at McClure and often helped him keep old tractors running. i know dad was very grateful for his help.*
Holly (Wagner) Barrera

Holly S Barrera - March 28, 2024 at 01:41 PM

MC

“ *Dot and girls, we are so sorry for your loss..May God bless and comfort you.*
Mike and Marsha Cox

Marsha Cox - March 28, 2024 at 10:46 AM

KH

“ *So sorry Karen and Deb. Praying for comfort for your family.*

Karen Harms - March 28, 2024 at 10:27 AM

GK

“ *Sorry to hear about your grandfather's passing Cliff. Prayers for you and your family. Gary & Georgia Koch*

Georgia Koch - March 27, 2024 at 04:55 PM

CS

Thank you so much, Georgia!

Cliff Sweinhagen - March 28, 2024 at 06:44 PM