



## Lowell "Butch" Cocke

April 10, 1940 - September 19, 2020

Lowell "Butch" Cocke, 80, of Napoleon, passed away on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born in Napoleon on April 10, 1940 to Raymond and Helen (Engler) Cocke.

Butch was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon, and the local Elks club. His career as a police officer covered 15 years at the Henry County Sherriff's department as a Deputy and then Lt. Detective and then 7 years as the Chief of Police for the Village of Grand Rapids, Ohio. Butch also enjoyed running a small bar called the Butch's Lawman Lounge for a while. He was a great Bowler and member of the PBA. In his later years he enjoyed golf, fishing and teaching the grandchildren to bowl. Butch found great amusement in watching the great grandchildren growing up and loved spending time with his nieces and nephews.

Butch is survived by his daughter, Nannette (Timothy) Spurgeon; grandchildren, Jacob (Allison) Spurgeon, Katie Howard, and Zach Spurgeon; great grandchildren, Lily, Wesley, Audrey, and Gage; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Carl Cocke and George Cocke; sister Virginia (Lewis) Meyer; and grandson-in-law, Rob Howard, Jr.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home,

Napoleon on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 from 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Funeral Services will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Interment will follow at Forest Hill Cemetery, Napoleon. Memorial contributions may be made to Napoleon Area Schools Athletic Boosters. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Hill Cemetery

500 E. Maumee Ave  
Napoleon, OH 43545

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

SEP **23.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Public Viewing

SEP **24.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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SEP **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *RIP Butch. You taught me a lot on the lanes and in the proshop.*

Jason Hoppe - December 10, 2022 at 01:08 PM

HB

“ *For many years he was a pillar st the bowling alley on saturday mornings helping to mentor me and many others. Those were some fun times.*

Heather Bechstein - September 24, 2020 at 09:35 AM

JC

“ *So sorry Nannette and Brothers on the loss of your Father. He was a good man and a friend since his teenage years! Rest In Peace Butch!!*

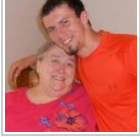
judi cotter - September 23, 2020 at 10:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lowell "Butch" Cocke.*



September 22, 2020 at 06:01 PM



“ Was a good neighbor here at the apartment building. There are 2 things I will never forget about him.

1. In his duties as a Deputy I saw him Football tackle a runner one time.

2. Every year for the month of my Birthday every time he saw me he would yell " Happy Birthday Becky."

He will be missed.

Becky Snyder

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**Becky Snyder** - September 21, 2020 at 08:03 PM



“ Uncle Butch was a great uncle. He was always there for my brothers and I. I am happy I spent so much time with him. This guy could always make you laugh. He will be greatly missed❤️

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**Terri Cocks Cookson** - September 21, 2020 at 06:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lowell "Butch" Cocks.



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September 21, 2020 at 04:25 PM

BD

“ So sorry for your loss. I will never forget how he took the time to help Josh and Jeremy with their bowling ❤️ Our condolences to the family  
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**Barbara Dangelo** - September 21, 2020 at 02:29 PM

DS

“ I had always heard about my "cousin", Butch, growing up but I had never met him until I moved to Grand Rapids. He was the police chief and It was here I got to know him. He was funny, and caring. The town kids respected him. I even went to his bar a couple times after he opened it. Such a great guy. Rest In Peace, Butch.

*Diana Simpson*

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**Diana Simpson** - September 21, 2020 at 12:09 PM

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“ So very sorry for your loss. Our sympathy to you all, may God bless your family.

*Steve Lisa and Faith*

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**Lisa Livensparger** - September 20, 2020 at 09:56 PM