



Marcus Eugene Schuette

June 28, 1948 - January 17, 2026

Marcus Eugene Schuette, 77, of Napoleon, Ohio, passed away peacefully on Saturday January 17, 2026 with family by his side. He was born on June 28, 1948, in Napoleon, Ohio to the late Paul and Elvera (Dickmander) Schuette. Marcus was a 1966 graduate of Napoleon High School. He will be remembered as a man of integrity, dedication and simple pleasures, who built a life around service to his country, a skilled trade, and the land he loved.

A Life of Service and Skill: At the young age of 18, Marcus proudly enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he served honorably for seven years earning the Staff Sargent ranking. During his service he was stationed at Nellis Air Force Base and deployed to Vietnam and Thailand.

Following his military service, Marcus continued his technical skills to a successful career as a machinist. He worked for The Automatic Feed Company and in 1983 he began working for Gray Steel Fabricating and Machine, Inc, in Napoleon, Ohio. He was one of the "original" machinists that followed Gray Steel Fabricating and Machine, Inc to Pettisville, Ohio. He continued to work there until 2000 when they closed. Marcus then worked for Koester Corporations in Defiance and Napoleon until he retired in June of 2010. He took great pride in his machining work and even enjoyed small side jobs in his own shop. There wasn't anything Marcus would say no to doing, if there was a will, there was a way.

Life Beyond the Uniform(s): Throughout his life, Marcus also embraced the calling of a part-time farmer. He found peace and purpose working the "back forty" of many different crops for the livestock that he and his family raised on the family farm. When not in the machine shop, barn, or the fields, Marcus could often be found "tinkering" on something. He would try to find ways to make something just a smidge better; always working smarter not harder. Finally, he could also be found spending time with family and friends. He was so proud and enjoyed the last 15 years with his youngest grandson.

Marcus is survived by his wife of 44 years Jolene; daughter Katie (Robert) Morrison of Napoleon, Step-daughter Dana Knauf of Toledo, and Step-Son Dustin Taylor of Napoleon. Grandchildren: Samantha Knauf of Pittsburgh PA, Dr. Janie (Marty Englert) Taylor of Cincinnati, Sarah Knauf of Toledo, and Ty Morrison of Napoleon. Great Grandson: David Steinke III, of Pittsburgh, PA. Brother: Herbert (Kimberly) Schuette of Delaware, Ohio. As well as a wide network of family and friends. Marcus also has 2 daughters, a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren that all stem from an earlier marriage. He is preceded in death by his parents Paul and Elvera Schuette and Son-in-law Ronald Knauf.

Family and Friends are invited to attend the visitation at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 from 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Funeral services will be held at the Funeral home on Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Full Military honors will be accorded following the service. Interment will be at a later time. Marcus' last wish was that memorials be given to Jesus Builds, Shriners, or St. Judes Children's Research Hospital. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 21. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Public Viewing

JAN 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Funeral Service

JAN 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marcus Eugene Schuette.*



January 21 at 01:44 PM



“ *Love, Stacy and Steve Riegsecker planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Marcus Eugene Schuette.*

Love, Stacy and Steve Riegsecker - January 20 at 08:55 PM



“ *Love, Stacy and Steve Riegsecker purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Marcus Eugene Schuette.*



Love, Stacy and Steve Riegsecker - January 20 at 08:55 PM

ML

“ 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.

Major General Mark W. Lee, United States Army

MG Mark Lee - January 20 at 09:54 AM

DS

“ DENNIS & KAREN SCHUETTE purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marcus Eugene Schuette.



DENNIS & KAREN SCHUETTE - January 19 at 01:17 PM

JK

“ John and Michelle Klear planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marcus Eugene Schuette.

John and Michelle Klear - January 18 at 09:01 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marcus Eugene Schuette.



January 18 at 09:01 PM

DS

“ Rest in peace Mr Chairman, you fought a long hard battle and God said “ok ole Sarge, time to come to heaven”. You and I had a special understanding and I will never forget our conversations. Thoughts and prayers to Jolene and the family.

Dennis Schuette - January 18 at 04:44 PM

DK

“ Dana K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marcus Eugene Schuette.

Dana K. - January 18 at 04:00 PM