



## Marvin Herman Gebers

February 21, 1936 - April 16, 2022

Marvin H. Gebers , 86, of rural Defiance, Ohio passed away on Saturday, April 16, 2022 at CHP Hospice in Defiance. He was born on February 21, 1936 in Henry County to Carl and Emma (Sonnenberg) Gebers. Marv was united in marriage to Shirley Huber on September 21, 1958.

He retired in 2001 after 34 years as a fuel distributor for Marathon Products. Marv was a member of the Ohio Army National Guard from 1958 – 1964. He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church near Okolona where he served as a Deacon, Trustee and was on the cemetery committee.

Marv is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Shirley; five children, Deb (Jeff) Peter of Hicksville, Darwin (Gwen) of Holgate, Cindy (Ken) Bennett of Napoleon, Craig (Mary Pat) of Sylvania and David (Martha) of Wauseon. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren, Zach (Michele) Fruth, Alex (Danica Matuska) Gebers, Jacob (Mackensey) Gebers, Austin (Sarah Kersjes) Gebers, Ryan Gebers, Mallory (Courtney Drew) Gebers, Evan Gebers, Catie Gebers, Vivian Gebers and Owen Gebers; 3 great grandchildren; and niece, Brenda Palm. He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Arleta (Henry) Oberhaus.

Family and friends will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Friday, April 22, 2022 from 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Funeral

Services will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona, on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Interment will follow at the church cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, CHP Hospice Center or to the Jewell Fire Department. Online condolences may be shared with the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com).

A heartfelt thanks to all the staff at Northcrest for taking good care of Marv and a special thanks to the staff of CHP hospice of Defiance for their comforting care.

# Cemetery Details

## Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery, Okolona

30997 Gerken Road  
Defiance, OH 43512

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

APR **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

JD

“ Dear Shirley and Family,  
I'm so very sorry to hear about the passing of Marv. I just lost my Marv on March 31st and the hurt is still very real. I'm sending love, hugs and prayers. May God keep you close in the days to come.  
Judy Dickmann

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**Judy Dickmann** - April 22, 2022 at 02:27 PM

JS

“ Shirley and family, please accept our heartfelt condolences on Marv's passing. May he enjoy everlasting peace and joy with The Lord above.  
Love, Jan and John Stover

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**Jan Stover** - April 22, 2022 at 01:14 PM

KL

“ Remember Marv from church. A wonderful family. You all have my sincere sympathy and prayers for comfort in your loss.



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**Kathy (Wiechers) Lieb** - April 22, 2022 at 10:56 AM

KV

“ Shirley and family. So sorry for your loss. Marv was an amazing man and friend. As a kid he delivered our fuel oil. And always took the time to talk and visit. He would always give me a piece of gum and on his way. After i got married and watched kids he did the same. The kids would get excited to see him back down the lane., they wanted to give him something too. So we would get cookies and bag them up for him to have on his coffee break at PeeWee's. And he always gave each one of them a piece of gum and a high five . He was a very happy and loving man.  
May you all find comfort and peace knowing he's with the Lord and pain free. RIP Marv till we meet again. I'll bring the gum. 💜💜  
Shirley. I love ❤️ u my friend.

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**Kathy Vollmar** - April 21, 2022 at 04:56 PM

MH

“ sorry to see marv passed away prayers to shirly and family he was a good man always enjoyed talking to him and shirly

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**mary hoops** - April 20, 2022 at 08:41 AM

“ From the fields and forests of war-torn Europe to the jungles of Southeast Asia, from the deserts of 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 the 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.*

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“ Carolyn Schnitkey lit a candle in memory of Marvin Herman Gebers



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**carolyn schnitkey** - April 19, 2022 at 04:52 PM

CH

“ Sending our condolences. What wonderful classmates you and Marv have been. Best wishes, Shirley. Bill & Clara Hagen

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**Clara Hagen** - April 19, 2022 at 12:28 PM

JC

“ Gebers Family you are in my thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss. God bless you all!

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**Judi cotter** - April 18, 2022 at 03:48 PM

JP

“ Shirley and Family:

*Thoughts and prayers in your loss. May you feel God's love and comfort at this time. Larry and Joanne Purk*



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**Joanne Purk** - April 18, 2022 at 01:34 PM