



Marvin Frederick Gruenhagen

March 27, 1933 - December 7, 2022

Marvin Frederick Gruenhagen, 89, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away on Wednesday, December 7, 2022. He was born in Freedom Township, Henry County, Ohio on March 27, 1933 to William and Ella (Badenhop) Gruenhagen. Marvin married Arlene Sunderman on September 1, 1957, at St. John Lutheran Church, Deshler, Ohio.

Marvin was a lifelong member of St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township where he served as the Sunday School superintendent, as a Deacon, and other various offices. He proudly served his country in the US Army and was a member of the Ridgeville American Legion. Marvin was an outdoorsman who loved to fish, hunt, and even bird watch from the comfort of his front porch swing. He was a talented carpenter and made many household projects. Marvin enjoyed wintering in Florida, travelling with Arlene, and would often travel to see his old Army buddies.

He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Arlene; children, Alan (Lori) Gruenhagen, Teresa (Eric) Weller, and Karen (Tim) Johnston, grandchildren, Alex Gruenhagen, Haley (James) O'Neil, Luke Gruenhagen, Jessica (Andrew) Allen, Holly (Nathan) Adams, Abby (Steve) Doctor, and Maggie Weller; great grandchildren, Jarrett Allen, Beretta Doctor and one on the way. In addition to his parents, Marvin was preceded in death by daughter, Joyce Gruenhagen; grandson, Will Gruenhagen; and his siblings, Norman and Eldor.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Monday, December 12, 2022 from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM.

Funeral services will be held at St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township, on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Lutheran School or St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township. Online messages and condolences may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com

Cemetery Details

St. John Lutheran Freedom Township Cemetery

16035 Co Rd U
Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 12. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Public Viewing

DEC 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township
16035 County Road U
Napoleon, OH 43545

Funeral Service

DEC 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JN

“ *Sending my condolences. Joan Norden*

Joan Norden - December 13, 2022 at 08:55 AM

DV

“ *I remember the carpentry work we did together many years ago - and the fishing trips to Lake Erie, (including his stories of fishing!) ... also, his love for his family. May the Lord keep Arlene and family in His care.*

Dale Vorwerk

Dale Vorwerk - December 11, 2022 at 01:58 PM

BL

“ From the frozen tundra of Korea to fields and forests of war-torn Europe 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 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.

BG (Retired) Mark W. Lee, USA

BG (R) Mark W. Lee - December 10, 2022 at 05:58 PM

YB

“ My favorite memory of my Uncle Marvin goes years back. After my Mom had her first surgery, Uncle Marvin took us kids to get our Christmas tree since Dad was spending time with Mom in the hospital. The tree wasn't all that tall but was incredibly wide all the way around!! We laughed about not having enough ornaments to cover the tree all the way around....and my Mom always was one to decorate the tree 'all the way around', not just the front! Thank you, Uncle Marvin, for stepping in when we needed you, for that tree, and for the happy memories of that Christmas that was a difficult one for us kids. You are loved and will be missed.

Yvonne Baden - December 09, 2022 at 08:19 PM

BF

“ Arlene and family, Bill and I are so sorry to hear of Marv's passing. We have missed you both in Palmetto Mobil Home Park. Good neighbors are hard to find. Love to all of you! Bill and Barbara Fowler D-27

Barbara Fowler - December 09, 2022 at 08:53 AM

DN

“ Deepest sympathy to Arlene and family

Dan Norden - December 08, 2022 at 08:33 PM