



Marvin H. Sonnenberg

January 12, 1935 - November 10, 2025

Marvin H. Sonnenberg, age 90, of McClure, Ohio, passed away at his residence on Monday, November 10, 2025.

He was born on January 12, 1935, in Napoleon, Ohio to the late Carl F. and Emilie (Volkman) Sonnenberg. Marvin was baptized on February 3, 1935, and confirmed on April 10, 1949, both at St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township.

Marv attended St. John Lutheran Freedom Township School and continued his education at Ridgeville High School. After completing the 10th grade, he stayed home to help on the family farm. At age 18, he served his country in the United States Army National Guard. A lifelong farmer, Marv was devoted to his faith, his family, and community. He was an active and faithful member of Peace Lutheran Church in Deshler, Ohio, where he formerly served as Chairman. He loved polka music and was a proud founding member of the Bavarian Club of Deshler.

On October 18, 1959, he married Jean Godeke at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Deshler, Ohio. Together they were blessed with four children: Vickie (Jim) Schulze, Diana (Mike) Reiser, Lt. Col. Kevin (Lorin) Sonnenberg, and Jennifer (Brent) Miller. Following Kevin's passing, Lorin later married Chris Schwab.

Marv was a proud grandfather to Jason (Lela) Schulze, Josh (Carrie) Schulze, Mitchell (Jamie) Schulze, Krystin (Scott) Brecheisen, Tyler (Kara) Reiser, and Carson (Jenna) Orr; great-grandfather to Xavier, Tayah, Jayden, Sloane, Dempsey, Connor, Ethan, Mason, Ryder, Sienna, Lincoln, Lydia, and Liam; and great-great-grandfather to Dominique, Atlas, and Parker.

He is also survived by his siblings Marlene Showman, Carlan (Carolyn) Sonnenberg, Roger (Shirley) Sonnenberg, Leroy Sonnenberg, Marilyn Waite, Sue (Henry) Vosz, and Charlene (Jerry) Liska. In addition to his "boy" and his parents, he was preceded in death by his infant brother Loran, brothers-in-law Kenneth Showman and Dennis Waite.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00am on Tuesday, November 18 at Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Ohio, with Rev. Kurtis Freimuth officiating. Graveside services will follow at 2:00 p.m. at Hockman Cemetery, McClure, Ohio.

Visitation will be held on Monday, November 17 from 2-7 at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, Ohio, and again on Tuesday, November 18 one hour prior to the service

at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Sonny Smiles Foundation, Peace Lutheran Church, McClure American Legion, or Damascus Township Fire and Rescue.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.rodenbergergray.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

NOV 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Peace Lutheran Cemetery
County Road G and County Road 5
Deshler, OH

Funeral Service

NOV 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Peace Lutheran Church
County Road G and 5
Deshler, OH

Graveside Service

NOV 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ Stepped out of the kitchen at the Oct. steak supper to say hi always thought we would get to visit again. Given half an hour we could solve most of the countries problems do bad they didn't get implemented. Always knew when Kevin flew over to say hi as he lined right over our place. We always ended talking about Kevin then he would up date me on what every one else was doing. He will be missed.
Dennis Johnson

Dennis Johnson - November 17, 2025 at 07:57 PM

JD

“ I'm so very sorry to hear about the passing of Marv. Him and Kevin are both in each others arms. I'm sending you much love and prayers.
Judy Dickmann

Judy Dickmann - November 17, 2025 at 02:13 PM

CA

“ Cercone's. (Monica and Alicia) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marvin H. Sonnenberg.



Cercone's. (Monica and Alicia) - November 17, 2025 at 12:26 AM

CA

“ Cercone's. (Monica and Alicia) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marvin H. Sonnenberg.

Cercone's. (Monica and Alicia) - November 17, 2025 at 12:26 AM

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“ Post 332 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marvin H. Sonnenberg.

Post 332 - November 16, 2025 at 05:48 PM

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“ Post 332 purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Marvin H. Sonnenberg.



Post 332 - November 16, 2025 at 05:48 PM

KM

“ Kelly, Zach and Evie Maier purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Marvin H. Sonnenberg.



Kelly, Zach and Evie Maier - November 16, 2025 at 12:43 PM



“ Melissa Clark French sent a virtual gift in memory of Marvin Sonnenberg



Melissa Clark French - November 14, 2025 at 10:12 PM

LM

“ Jennifer and family, Larry and I are deeply saddened of Marvin's passing. Sending prayers during this tough time.....

Larry & Linda Martin - November 13, 2025 at 09:06 PM

ES

“ Condolences from our family to Marv's. We have been neighbors to the south for 34 years. In the past, most every time I called or stopped in it was because I had a question or wanted to borrow something. Marv and family would always help me if they could. On hearing the news, my son recalled the Story of Marv finding his lost kite. It was returned with a homemade wooden spool for the string. Most of what I know about our place I learned from Marv as he helped Elmer Lanzer with many projects over the years. I visited Marv in his shop in July as he was working on a garden tractor. On that visit I repeated many of the things Marv had taught me about "the Lanzer Place". Marv didn't remember all the stories, but I assured him that I did. Eric Shank

Eric Shank - November 13, 2025 at 07:39 PM

DC

“ DANFOSS - MAUMEE CAMPUS planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marvin H. Sonnenberg.

DANFOSS - MAUMEE CAMPUS - November 13, 2025 at 02:59 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Marvin H. Sonnenberg.



November 13, 2025 at 02:59 PM

NF

“ The Follett family knew the Sonnenbergs quite well. We pray for God's comfort, peace and healing for you all. God's love to you. Nancy Follett (Rich passed away last Nov in FL)

Nancy Follett - November 13, 2025 at 01:53 PM