



Melvin Nickels

October 18, 1935 - February 9, 2022

Melvin Nickels, 86, Deshler, passed away Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at Mercy Health Defiance Hospital. He was born on October 18, 1935, in Richfield Township, Henry County, Ohio, to Richard and Meta (Basselman) Nickels. He married Lavina Rohrs on September 29, 1956, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township. Lavina preceded him in death on August 31, 2021.

Melvin was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He was a graduate of Deshler High School. Melvin worked at Koppenhofer Bros. Poultry and was also assistant manager at the Deshler Farmers Elevator. He was a realtor for New Concept Realty, Hamler, and was a former director of the Deshler Farmers Elevator. Melvin was a life-long farmer and in the winter months he worked for Merce Boiler and Welding at the Toledo Lake Erie Shipyard. Melvin was devoted to his family and loved being on the farm. He was always there for his family- always ready to lend a helping hand. Melvin enjoyed traveling to Florida in the winter months and in his later years, he loved fishing at the lake with his family. He was a member of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Deshler, Ohio, and was very active with various church positions.

He is survived by sons, Steven (Christina) Nickels, David Nickels, Mark (Shirley) Nickels; daughter, Susan (Chet) Phillips, all of Deshler, Ohio.

Grandchildren; Jessica (Jaret) Glenn, Adam Nickels, Karly (Eric) Yarnell, Samantha (Nathan) Andonian, Joshua Nickels, Kenny (Erin) Nickels, Mandi Nickels, Amber (Josh) Bilow, Bradley Phillips, Michelle Nickels, Melissa (Sean) Ward, Joseph Nickels, Rachel Nickels, great grandchildren, Evan, Easton & Olivia Bilow, Eli, Emersyn & Theodore Yarnell, and Savannah, Maddox & Evelyn Andonian; brother Eldon Nickels of McClure, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lavina; grandson, Matthew Nickels and a brother, Norman Nickels.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Sunday, February 13, 2022, from 1:00 Pm until 6:00 PM. Funeral services will be held at Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, on Monday, February 14, 2022, at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the church or a charity of your choice. Online messages and condolences may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com.

Cemetery Details

Peace Lutheran Cemetery

County Road G and County Road 5
Deshler, OH

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 13. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Public Viewing

FEB 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Peace Lutheran Church
County Road G and 5
Deshler, OH

Funeral Service

FEB 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Peace Lutheran Church
County Road G and 5
Deshler, OH

Tribute Wall

ME

“ Greetings to the Nickels' family,
We mourn with you at the loss of your dad and grandfather, but we rejoice with Melvin as his battle is over and he has joined the Saints Triumphant. He has fought the good fight and has come out Victorious!
Pastor Micah and Claudia Ernst

Micah Ernst - February 15, 2022 at 12:00 PM

EF

“ So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. It has to be comforting to know your parents are back together again. I have so many memories of our trips to Florida together and the the spent on the beach.. prayer to you all and god's blessing.
Edith Finney.

edith Finney - February 13, 2022 at 10:22 PM

AB

“ So sorry for your loss. May God comfort you. Prayers.

Alice Richard Bitzinger - February 13, 2022 at 07:35 PM

JD

“ So very sorry to hear about the passing of Mel. We use to see Lavina and Mel at the summer festivals many years ago. We know how you will all miss him. We are sending our sympathy and love.
Marv and Judy Dickmann

Judy Dickmann - February 12, 2022 at 04:35 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvin Nickels.



February 11, 2022 at 05:58 PM



“ Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I loved Mel. He was a great Man and I always loved seeing his smiling face walk through the door at Mama Roses. I hope you can find comfort in all of your wonderful memories of him. He will be missed by all of us at the restaurant . I have a vision of him dancing in heaven with your Mom. Thank you for taking such good care of him and always bringing him to breakfast on Saturdays.

Cindy Bailey - February 11, 2022 at 12:56 PM



“ The Ward Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Melvin Nickels.



The Ward Family - February 11, 2022 at 11:53 AM



“ Sending my sympathy to the whole family. Prayers for all.



Kathy Lieb - February 10, 2022 at 12:27 PM