



Nartker Bernard

September 5, 2011

Bernard James Nartker, 78, of Ridgeville Corners, Ohio died Monday, September 5, 2011 at the Fulton County Hospital. He was born November 19, 1932 in rural Holgate to the late Charles & Cora (Grim) Nartker. On April 18, 1953, he married Joan Helen Rickenberg, who survives. They enjoyed 58 wonderful years together, Bernie attended Malinta Grelton School graduating in 1950. He farmed several years prior to working at Miller Brothers Construction Co., as Superintendent for 48 years. After retirement he enjoyed woodworking crafts and collecting Budweiser memorabilia. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township and the Henry County Draft Horse club, as he enjoyed Clydesdale horses. He also raised rabbits, Dorset and Corriedale Sheep and showed them at local county fairs. Bernie was a family man and his greatest joy in life were his children and grandchildren. Surviving are wife, Joan, children; Susan (Philip) Lange of Archbold, Beverly Graber of Ridgeville Corners, Becky (Kevin) Miller of Bryan, Steven (Cecilia) Nartker of Napoleon, Scott (Dianne) Nartker of Archbold, and Sammy Nartker of Bryan, grandchildren; Mark & David Lange, Kristi & Brett Miller, Amanda & Shanna Graber, Wesley Nartker, and Aaron & Shane Nartker, great grandchildren; Brianna Sauber & Bradley Hawkins, 5 step grandchildren; Tanya Mahlman, Angel Robinson, Charles Irvin, and Cameron & Nathan Tilkins, step great grandchildren; Kyleigh, Payton, & Jensyn Robinson, Damiann & Carson Mahlman, Jaxson Irvin, & Riley Tilkins. He is also survived by twin sister, Betty Baden of Defiance, sister-in-law, Madge

Nartker of Napoleon, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by a a sister, Luella Rettig, brothers, Harry & Richard Nartker, and niece, Linda Nartker. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township with Pastors Franklin Hays and Dean Stoner officiating. Interment will be held following lunch at 2 p.m. at Riverview Cemetery, Defiance. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. The family suggests memorials be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Twp. Fire Department, or charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ Betty - we just learned of Bernie's death. We are so sorry to hear it, but know you have so many memories that will keep him in your heart forever. May you find comfort and peace each day as you think of him. He could do it all.##imported-begin##Dale & Clara Eitzman##imported-end##

September 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I will always have fond memories of Uncle Bernie and will miss his smiling face. God's blessing to the entire family on your loss.##imported-begin##Diane & David Layne##imported-end##

September 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Bernie will be missed by many people. He always had a smile on his face and seemed to really love his job. He bent over backwards to help me when I needed it and taught me some things at the same time. For the first few weeks I knew him, I thought that my first name had changed to Hey There Young Man. I will truly miss Bernie and wish to pass on my thoughts and prayers to the Nartker Family. His smiling face and enthusiasm will be missed.##imported-begin##Jeremy Hurst##imported-end##

September 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry about your loss. Our hearts and prayers go out to all of the family.##imported-begin##Steve Irvin & Kim Husted##imported-end##

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“ *##imported-begin##Rick Riebesel##imported-end##*

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“ *God bless all of you at this time. He was a great man and a great friend. Will be missed by all that new him. Bradfords##imported-begin##Willie & Mary Bradford##imported-end##*

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“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. May God bless your whole family in this time of sorrow. Take care, Kathy, Ed, Lee, Amy Gobrogge##imported-begin##Kathy (riefers) Gobrogge And Family##imported-end##*

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“ *Mrs. Joan Nartker, We are the ones who always come by to but the bird houses for our Church Fest for All and for the Hospice Fair. We have always enjoyed your and Bernard's friendship and the tours of your home. We especially loved the carvings that Bernard had done. He loved them and so did we. We want to send you our sympathy and our prayers. We know that your faith will get you through this as it has done through the many trials that you have had lately. Remember, Life is not ended, merely changed. Bernard is now enjoying the rewards he earned through a life of faithful service. We will be praying for you. Monica and Joe Tumeo##imported-begin##Monica And Joe Tumeo##imported-end##*

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“ To the Nartker family, There is such a great sadness in my heart as I write this and there is so much to say about Bernie. I do not have to tell you what a Good Man Bernie was. I will always be grateful to Bernie for taking such good care of Denny when they had to work away from home. Denny and I will always be grateful to him. Now just take care of Mom, for she too is one Special Lady. Love to all, Dennis and Maretta Warner###imported-begin##Dennis & Maretta Warner###imported-end##

September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during your loss. Uncle Bernie will be missed.###imported-begin##Bill & Kathy Martin###imported-end##

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“ Joan and Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Bernie was such an awesome person. I will miss him dearly. I love you ALL!! Donita###imported-begin##Donita Chrismer###imported-end##

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