



Norman Luther Behnfeldt

January 10, 1926 - December 9, 2023

Norman Luther Behnfeldt, 97, of Archbold, Ohio passed away on Saturday, December 9, 2023. He was born in Defiance, Ohio on January 10, 1926, to the late Herbert and Anna (Vorwerk) Behnfeldt. Norman married Anna Gerken at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona on August 21, 1954.

Norman proudly served his country in the US Army during WWII and was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. He was a lifelong farmer and worked for Johns Manville for over 30 years. He enjoyed throwing horseshoes and started a group that would play over their lunch breaks as well as built an indoor pit in his barn so they could play year-round. Norman raised dairy cattle and helped his children with their 4H projects. He was constantly busy with projects, cutting wood, reading, woodworking, or searching for hickory nuts for Anna to make into his favorite cake. Norman was very sociable and enjoyed being active, however he never missed an opportunity to sneak a nap in somewhere in the day.

Norman is survived by his children, Angela Behnfeldt, Lori Benz, Douglas (Susan) Behnfeldt, and Jon Behnfeldt; grandchildren, Christopher (Jennifer) Behnfeldt, Sarah (Brent) Kebschull; Robin (Courtney) Behnfeldt, Zoe Behnfeldt; and great grandchildren, Makayla Kebschull, Max Behnfeldt, Brooklyn Behnfeldt, Myles Kebschull, and Emma Behnfeldt. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Anna; and sister, Lorna

Goldenetz.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon on Thursday, December 14, 2023, from 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM. Funeral Services will be held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Defiance on Friday, December 15, 2023 at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Interment with military honors will immediately follow in the church cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mark's Lutheran Church or Ohio Living Hospice. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com

Cemetery Details

St. Mark's Lutheran Cemetery

25950 Nagel Rd.
Defiance, OH 43512

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC **14**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Public Viewing

DEC **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark Lutheran Church
25950 Nagel Road
Defiance, OH 43512

Funeral Service

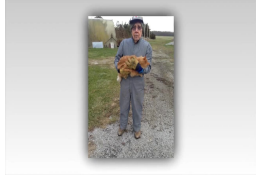
DEC **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark Lutheran Church
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Defiance, OH 43512

Tribute Wall



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Rodenberger Funeral Home - January 26, 2024 at 11:03 AM

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“ 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.

Brigadier General (Retired) Mark W. Lee, United States Army

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December 12, 2023 at 09:23 AM