



Norman Bostelman

November 24, 1940 - June 5, 2026

Norman Paul Bostelman, 85, of Napoleon, Ohio, passed away unexpectedly at his residence on Friday, June 5, 2026. He was born on November 24, 1940, in Napoleon to the late Harold and Lorna (Miller) Bostelman. On November 21, 1970, he married Kathryn Hahn at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon Township.

Norm was a 1959 graduate of Napoleon High School and proudly served in the United States Army.

He owned and operated Bostelman Electric for more than 30 years, providing commercial and residential electrical services throughout the area. He also worked for C.F. Gerken Company.

A lifelong member of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Napoleon, Norm was also a member of the Napoleon American Legion. He enjoyed participating in local golf, bowling, euchre, and poker leagues. He was proud to assist with the construction of Veterans Park near the Napoleon River bridge through his involvement with the Southside Beautification Committee.

Norm never met a stranger and had a gift for conversation. He made friends wherever he went and cherished time spent with family. In recent years, one of his greatest joys was attending his grandchildren's activities and events. He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Kathy; daughters, Heidi (Allison Harrison) Bostelman and Susie (Jeff) Wagner; grandchildren, Reese and Cole Wagner; siblings, Roger (Shirley) Bostelman, Karen Germann, and Diana Kruse; along with many nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was also preceded in death by his brothers-in-law, Ronald Germann and Vern Kruse.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 11, from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home in Napoleon and on Friday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Emanuel Lutheran Church.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 12, at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Napoleon, with Pastor Janine Shearer officiating.

Interment will follow at Riverview Memory Gardens in Defiance, where military honors will be accorded by the Napoleon American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to Emanuel Lutheran Church, Bert G. Taylor American Legion Post 300, or a charity of the donor's choice.

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

Cemetery Details

Riverview Memory Gardens

29321 County Rd 424
Defiance, OH 43512

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 11. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

JUN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Emanuel Lutheran Church
810 Scott St
Napoleon, OH 43545-1527
(419) 592-2616

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

KK

“ Karen K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norman Bostelman.

Karen K. - June 12 at 07:31 AM

KL

“ My sympathy and prayers are with the whole family.



Kathleen Lieb - June 11 at 04:05 PM

SK

“ Sara K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norman Bostelman.

Sara K. - June 11 at 03:16 PM

TH

“ The Devers and The Haibachs purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Norman Bostelman.



The Devers and The Haibachs - June 11 at 12:51 PM

TH

“ The Devers and The Haibachs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norman Bostelman.

The Devers and The Haibachs - June 11 at 12:51 PM

JF

“ Jason & Chantilly Kessler and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Norman Bostelman.



Jason & Chantilly Kessler and family - June 11 at 12:51 PM

JF

“ Jason & Chantilly Kessler and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norman Bostelman.

Jason & Chantilly Kessler and family - June 11 at 12:51 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Norman Bostelman.



June 10 at 07:11 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Norman Bostelman.*



June 09 at 03:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Norman Bostelman.

June 09 at 03:36 PM



“ *(Your work family) purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Norman Bostelman.*



(Your work family) - June 09 at 10:22 AM



“ *(Your work family) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norman Bostelman.*

(Your work family) - June 09 at 10:22 AM

TF

“ *The Glanz family purchased the Angel's Embrace Bouquet for the family of Norman Bostelman.*



The Glanz family - June 09 at 05:11 AM

FF

“ *From Justin & Jaycee Lighthill & Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Norman Bostelman.*



From Justin & Jaycee Lighthill & Family - June 07 at 11:14 PM

NC

“ *Kathy, I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great fella.*

nannette cocke-spurgeon - June 07 at 03:33 PM

DF

“ *Dheeraj Muddasani and Patel Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Norman Bostelman.*



Dheeraj Muddasani and Patel Family - June 07 at 11:51 AM

JL

“ Dear Kathy, Heidi and Susie,
We want to send you all our sincerest sympathies, thoughts and prayers at the loss of Norm. He was so kind, thoughtful and caring and a friend to everyone he knew. Please know that we are thinking of you all and know that God will keep you in his tender, loving care.
Jerry and Marlene Lighthill

Jerry and Marlene Lighthill - June 07 at 10:35 AM

JG

I was sorry to hear about Norm's passing. He was a fellow classmate years ago. Whenever I was in Napoleon, he was sure to ask how I was doing which meant a lot to me. Though a bit shy in school, he was always friendly, kind, considerate and to the day, thoughtful and caring. God bless him for his days on this earth and may he rest in peace.
With heartfelt sympathy, Julie (Speiser) Gatza

Julianna Gatza - June 09 at 05:04 PM