



Norman R. Nickels

January 8, 2021

Norman Richard Nickels, 82, of McClure, OH, passed away peacefully on January 8, 2021, at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on September 24, 1938, in rural Hamler, Ohio, to the late Richard and Meta Nickels (Basselman). On November 14, 1959, he married Ruth Ann Badenhop and she preceded in death on November 23, 2014.

Norman served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1963. He spent his lifetime farming in the summer and repairing the lake freighters at the Toledo Lake Erie Shipyard.

In earlier years, Norm and Ruth enjoyed visiting all the local polka festivals and spending vacations in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, watching the freighters go through the Soo Locks.

He enjoyed fishing, boating, and camping alongside the Maumee River with his family for many years. One of the fondest memories of his grandchildren is sitting on Grandpa Norm's lap and looking at farm magazines and the Auto Trader. He had a knack for magically finding "bugs" in the kids' hair and ears.

Norman was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He was a member of the Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Deshler, Ohio.

He is survived by sons, Douglas (Sandra) Nickels of Ravenel, South Carolina, and Dean (Amy) Nickels of Malinta, Ohio, daughter Sandra (Chuck) Kuhlman of McClure, Ohio, 10 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, 2 step great grandchildren and brothers, Melvin (Lavina) Nickels, Deshler, Ohio, and Eldon Nickels, McClure, Ohio.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Jerry Lee Nickels and granddaughter, Jocelyn Suzanne Nickels.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 12th at Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler. A private interment with military honors will be held at a later date.

Visitation will be held on Monday, Jan 11th from 4-8 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon and Tuesday from 12 – 1 p.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Peace Lutheran Church.

Online condolences can be made at www.rodenbergergray.com

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic Masks and Social distancing will be required at all times.

Cemetery Details

Peace Lutheran Cemetery

County Road G and County Road 5
Deshler, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Napoleon Funeral Home
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545
(419) 592-2333
help@rodenbergergray.com

Visitation

JAN 12. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Peace Lutheran Church
County Road G and 5
Deshler, OH

Funeral Service

JAN 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

Peace Lutheran Church
County Road G and 5
Deshler, OH

Tribute Wall

SR

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Nickel’s family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May the Lord be with you and comfort you in knowing he at peace. Brent and Sue Reese

Sue Reese - January 12, 2021 at 01:35 PM

RL

“ Rick and Tammy Lough purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Norman R. Nickels.



Rick and Tammy Lough - January 12, 2021 at 09:48 AM

MH

“ Dear family of Norm, Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May God comfort you in His loving arms and fill you with His peace during this difficult time and in all the days ahead. Thinking of you, Jerry and Marilyn Hershberger

Marilyn Hershberger - January 12, 2021 at 07:05 AM

JG

“ Thoughts and prayers to you all during this difficult time!! Prayers with you all!!

jerrie gray - January 12, 2021 at 12:41 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norman R. Nickels.*



January 11, 2021 at 12:01 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norman R. Nickels.*



January 10, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ *My Heart and prayers go out to all of you in this time I wish I could be there.*

Priscilla Carlisle - January 09, 2021 at 04:10 PM



“ *Priscilla Carlisle lit a candle in memory of Norman R. Nickels*



Priscilla Carlisle - January 09, 2021 at 04:06 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Norman R. Nickels.*



January 09, 2021 at 04:01 PM