



## Ralph Paul Badenhop

April 17, 1944 - August 17, 2024

Ralph Paul Badenhop, 80, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at Northcrest Nursing Home. He was born in Wauseon, Ohio on April 17, 1944, to the late Paul and Elvera (Buchhop) Badenhop. He graduated from Wauseon Highschool in 1962 and obtained his bachelor of science degree from BGSU in 1966. On June 15, 1968, he married Brenda Jane Latta at St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township.

Ralph was a longtime member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon where he served on many boards and committees, including Treasurer and School Board member. Ralph was enlisted in the Air National Guard before working for the State of Ohio responsible for public health and sanitary science; and drove cars for Patton Pontiac and Synder Chevrolet. Ralph enjoyed history and worked on the church history publication at St. Paul. He was an avid baseball fan and often planned family vacations to conveniently take in a local game. Ralph also had season tickets for the Mud Hens and enjoyed following BGSU Falcon Football. He loved spending time gardening and landscaping.

Ralph is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Brenda; children, Jodi (Shane) Rashley, Steven (Charlene) Badenhop, and Jill (Christopher) Buehner; grandchildren, Katelynn Rashley, Jenna Rashley, Preston Badenhop, Spencer "Wade" Badenhop, Luke Buehner, and Hannah Buehner; and siblings, Carlan (Lois) Badenhop, Wayne Badenhop, Glenn (Kay)

Badenhop, and James (Bonnie) Badenhop. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Marian (Laurence) Fintel; and sister-in-law, Barbara Badenhop.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Thursday, August 22, 2024, from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Funeral services will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon, on Friday, August 23, 2024, at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Interment will follow at Forest Hill Cemetery, Napoleon. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Paul Lutheran Church or Northcrest Nursing Home. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Hill Cemetery

500 E. Maumee Ave  
Napoleon, OH 43545

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 22. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

AUG 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
1075 Glenwood Ave  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## Funeral Service

AUG 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
1075 Glenwood Ave  
Napoleon, OH 43545



# Tribute Wall

DF

“ Dawn & Dean Fintel and Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Ralph Paul Badenhop.



Dawn & Dean Fintel and Family - August 22, 2024 at 11:52 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph Paul Badenhop.



August 22, 2024 at 08:59 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph Paul Badenhop.



August 20, 2024 at 06:29 PM

SO

“ Scott and Mel Owen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph Paul Badenhop.

Scott and Mel Owen - August 20, 2024 at 06:29 PM

BL

“ From the fields, forests, plains of Africa and war-torn Europe, to the frozen tundra of Korea, 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 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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**BG (R) Dr. Mark W. Lee** - August 20, 2024 at 04:17 PM

VG

“ *Brenda and family - my sympathy to all of you as you go through the grieving process in the loss of Ralph. What joy he must have felt when he entered the gates of Heaven. Your faith and memories will eventually make you smile. Ralph's struggles are now over. 🙏. God's blessings!*

Vicki Glick - August 20, 2024 at 12:25 PM

LB

“ *Brenda I am so sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. You are such great neighbors.*

Lynn Bostelman - August 20, 2024 at 11:47 AM

AJ

“ *Ana, Julie and Jennifer purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ralph Paul Badenhop.*



Ana, Julie and Jennifer - August 19, 2024 at 08:56 PM

DP

“ *To Brenda and the family. My deepest sympathy for the loss you are experiencing. I enjoyed seeing and talking to both of you at the retiree luncheons. Ralph will be missed. Prayers for comfort at this difficult time. Deb Patterson*

Deb Patterson - August 19, 2024 at 07:35 PM

LG

“ *Brenda and family, Ralph was gracious, kind and hard working. I have a few good pictures of him when he met our family at a Mud Hens game as a surprise for my dad. Deepest sympathy to all who loved him. Linda and Marty Gross*

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**Linda Gross** - August 19, 2024 at 04:28 PM