



Ralph E. Steele

October 4, 1936 - January 22, 2014

Ralph Steele, 77, of Napoleon, Ohio died Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at Vancrest of Holgate. He was born October 4, 1936 in Napoleon, Ohio to the late Claris and Dorothy (Boyd) Steele. On October 8, 1960 he married Jean Shambarger in Napoleon, Ohio.

In his childhood, he worked as a bag boy at Kroger's in Napoleon and left to serve in the US Navy. Upon returning he came back to Kroger's to become the Produce Department Manager. Eventually he worked for the City of Napoleon Water Treatment Plant until retirement. He was an active member of Christ United Methodist Church, Napoleon and helped construct the existing church and served on various church committees. He was a member of the Napoleon American Legion. He loved to golf and spend his free time working on various art and home projects. He enjoyed everything that involved his grandchildren and always followed all of their activities.

He is survived by his wife; Jean, son; Brent (Diana) Steele, Napoleon, grandchildren; Jason, Lindsey, Kelsey, Aubrey, Mackensey, and Megan Steele, and brother; Don (Barb) Steele, Napoleon. He was preceded in death by son; Boyd Steele.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25 at Christ United Methodist Church, Napoleon with Pastor Mary Kay officiating. Interment will follow at Glenwood Cemetery, where military honors will be accorded by the Napoleon Joint Veteran Posts.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 2-8 p.m. at Rodenberger Funeral Home,

Napoleon and 1 hr prior the funeral at the church on Saturday.

Family suggests memorials be given to Christ United Methodist Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences can be made at rodenbergerfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Cemetery

Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

JAN 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ United Methodist
1255 Glenwood Ave
Napoleon, OH 43545

Service

JAN 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

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1255 Glenwood Ave
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

SS

“ I don't know if Jean remembers, but I am Sandy Baker Shoup. We lived next to your family in Holgate for many years. My sister, Jan, was close to your age. Kay and I played together as children. I didn't really know Ralph, but I do want to express my sincere sympathy at your great loss. Sandy Shoup

Sandy Baker Shoup - January 30, 2014 at 09:19 AM

 Dawn Hoops

“ Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers...Jon and Dawn Hoops and family

Dawn Hoops - January 27, 2014 at 07:19 AM

SC

“ A lot of great memories growing up with Brent, Tad, Ted and the boys--spending time on Friday or Saturday nights at the Steele house. Ralph is very much a part of those treasured memories whether it was a joke, funny story, or some good natured ribbing. I am blessed to have had those experiences in life. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.

Scott Collier

Scott Collier - January 25, 2014 at 12:39 PM

CN

“ Jean & Brent,
I used to babysit for Boyd & Brent when they were young during the summers. I got to know Ralph then as well as Jean. Jean worked for my Dad, Jim at the hatchery at the time. Ralph & Jean were kind enough to come to the funeral home for my Dad, Jim's passing two years ago. You all are VERY good people and are VERY well liked! My deepest condolences to you all during this time of grief!
Christa Neuhauser, Toledo, OH

Christa Neuhauser - January 25, 2014 at 12:11 PM

KW

“ Jean so sorry to hear that Ralph has passed away. He was a great man who made everyone feel good. Ralph always treated Todd just like everyone else and with respect. Praying for you. Kathy Wolf and Todd.

Kathy Wolf - January 24, 2014 at 09:29 PM

CT

“ Jean and Family,
So very sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. We are praying for all of you.

Roy & Cyndy Tilley and girls

cyndy tilley - January 24, 2014 at 10:03 AM

SB

“ Have good memories and conversations when Ralph, Jued, and I took watercoloring classes in Toledo.

Sonny Babcock

Sonny Babcock - January 24, 2014 at 09:50 AM

JJ

“ *Awesome Man! We love you and will miss that smiling face. To the family..so sorry for you! Heaven got a good one!* ”

Jackie Johnston McKeone New Haven, IN - January 24, 2014 at 09:29 AM

BB

“ *Jean and family, Sorry to hear of your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you. May he rest in peace. Bob and Kay Bost* ”

bob bost - January 24, 2014 at 08:40 AM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph E. Steele.* ”



January 23, 2014 at 09:47 PM